



CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER QIN GANG SACKED JUST SEVEN MONTHS INTO JOB
No reason was given for his removal, leading to speculations of political rivalry and competition within China's all-powerful Communist Party

PREDECESSOR WANG YI TO TAKE OVER

State-owned media reported that China's rubber-stamp legislature had voted to appoint Qin's predecessor Wang Yi as his replacement. Qin's sacking comes at a time of increasing criticism of China's aggressive foreign policy, of which he is a proponent. It also comes as the US is showing keenness to mend its strained relationship with China, sending multiple delegations to Beijing

QIN WAS CLOSE CONFIDANT OF XI JINPING

■ Qin was a close confidant of President Xi Jinping. However, analysts say, given China's highly opaque political system, it is difficult to ascertain how Xi and others see the relationship with him at the moment
■ Qin had disappeared from the public eye a month ago sparking speculations that he was subject to an official investigation

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MEETINGS WERE HELD BETWEEN QIN AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER SJAIS HANKAR

Oppn plans no-trust motion

Ready for statement and debate on Manipur, Amit Shah writes to Kharge and Chowdhury

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

STEPPING up their offensive against the government on the Manipur issue, leaders of the Opposition alliance, INDIA, on Tuesday decided to move a no-confidence motion against the Modi government in the Lok Sabha.

The decision came on a day when Union home minister Amit Shah wrote to leaders of the Opposition, Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury and Mallikarjun Kharge, seeking their cooperation in discussing Manipur in Parliament.

In the Opposition camp, floor leaders of 26 parties will hold a meeting at 10 am on Wednesday and are likely to submit a notice for a no-confidence motion to make Prime Minister Narendra Modi speak in Parliament on the Manipur violence, sources said.

The Congress issued a whip to all its MPs directing them to be present in the Lok Sabha on Wednesday, sources added. All Congress MPs have been directed to meet in the office of the Congress Parliamentary Party at 10.30 am, said a leader. The Opposition knows that the numbers are not in its favour, but its leaders say the no-trust motion is its last-ditch effort to make Modi speak on the issue. "We have no other option. We are aware that the BJP can comfortably sail through," said a senior leader.

In his reposte, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi said, "During our first term too, the Opposition brought a no-confidence motion against us. Subsequently in 2019, our seats increased from 282 to 303. Let them bring a no-confidence motion this time also; we will win more than 350 seats," he quipped.

In his letter, Shah sought the invaluable co-operation of Chowdhury and Kharge to discuss the matter. He said the government is ready to make a statement on Manipur in both Houses followed by a discussion.

"Lok Sabha is the cornerstone of our vibrant democracy, where the voice of the people through their elected representatives is heard. This House represents the hopes, aspirations and concerns of 40 crore Indians. The demand of the Opposition is that there should be a statement on Manipur by the government. The government is not only ready for the statement but also for discussion. But co-operation of all parties is expected," he wrote. Shah blamed the violence on a high court decision in May.

However, speaking in this paper, senior Opposition leaders said they will stick to their demand for a statement from the PM on the issue followed by a discussion under Rule 267. "Amit Shah can discuss the issue in Parliament, we want the PM's statement first," said a leader.

Meanwhile, massive protests were staged across Manipur's neighbour Mizoram against the ethnic violence between Meiteis and Kukis. Chief Minister Zoramthanga walked along with the protesters in Aizawl.



A massive demonstration against ethnic strife in neighbouring Manipur, in Mizoram's Aizawl on Tuesday | P11

Broadband, internet ban partly lifted

The Manipur govt on Tuesday partially lifted its ban on internet and broadband. However, the ban on mobile internet continues. Internet services were suspended on May 3 after violence broke



'Ready for statement'

"The demand of the Opposition is that there should be a statement on Manipur by the govt. The govt is ready for the statement and debate. But co-operation of all parties is expected," Shah wrote to Kharge

Modi's East India Co barb to attack INDIA

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday launched a blistering attack on INDIA (Indian National Development Inclusive Alliance), the new acronym for the Opposition alliance, at a BJP Parliamentary Party meeting here on Tuesday.

Calling the 26-party Opposition alliance the most directionless country had ever seen, he cited reviled names like the East India Company, Indian Mujahideen and Popular Front of India to say people cannot be misled merely by the use of the country's name. Briefing the media after the meeting, former law minister and BJP's Rajya Sabha member Ravi Shankar Prasad quoted Modi as saying that the Opposition alliance's sole agenda was to oppose the NDA in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, without a clear vision. Its conduct suggests that it has reconciled to remain in opposition for a long time, Modi said.

Modi cited the

history of several organisations, including terror outfits that had the country's name in their nomenclature, adding people cannot be misled by such political tricks.

He urged party members to expose the hidden agenda and corruption of the Opposition and highlight the failures of Opposition-ruled states like West Bengal and Rajasthan.

In his pushback, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said "call us what you want", but "we are India" and "will rebuild the idea of India in Manipur".

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge criticised the PM in the Rajya Sabha for neglecting pressing issues like Manipur while focusing on historical references. Later, in a tweet in Hindi, he said, "The Congress has always been with 'Mother India' i.e. 'Bharat Mata'."

Trinamool Congress members Derek O'Brien and Mahua Moitra asked the PM to prioritise discussions on important issues in Parliament rather than making statements outside it.



DOUBLE TROUBLE

Siddu to hold meet with DCs as K'taka faces flood & drought

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

THE Siddaramaiah government has twin challenges now to tackle - flood and drought - in the state.

While certain pockets of 14 districts have recorded deficit rainfall, parts of 13 districts are witnessing heavy to very heavy rainfall now.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will hold a video conference with deputy commissioners of all districts on Wednesday and discussed rain-related issues.

Though the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Management Centre (KSNDMC) stated that certain pockets of Chamarajanagara, Mysuru, Mandya, Ramanagara, Kodagu, Hassan, Dakshina Kannada, Chikkamagaluru, Shivamogga, Bagalkot, Vijayapura, Ballari, Chikkaballapura and Vijayanagara faced rain deficit from June 1 to July 24 (south-west monsoon), parts of these districts are now witnessing heavy rain. However, certain areas of these districts have recorded deficit rainfall, making it tough for the government to handle the situation.

"The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a warning of potential flash floods in parts of Coastal and North-Interior Karnataka. The state government has reviewed the situation in risk-prone areas and is well prepared to tackle rain-related emergencies," Chief Minister Siddaramaiah tweeted.

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Farmland in Honnavar inundated by the overflowing Aghanashini river

3 die in rain-related incidents in state

Bengaluru: Three persons, including two children, died in rain-related incidents in the state in the past 24 hours. One-and-a-half-year-old Spoorthy died when the wall of her house collapsed on her at Kumbaluru village in Davanagere district. Bhagya Chalammarad (3), who was rescued after her house collapsed at Malapur village in Haveri district two days ago, died in hospital on Tuesday. Basamma (35), wife of Basavaraj Balagar, died when the roof of her house collapsed on her at Biral (B) village of Jewargi taluk in Kalaburagi district on Monday evening.

Cong MLAs unhappy? CM downplays such claims

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru/Hubbali

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday downplayed claims that some Congress MLAs are unhappy with his cabinet ministers for not providing adequate funds for development works in their constituencies.

Addressing reporters at Hubballi, Siddaramaiah said if Congress MLAs have problems, they could discuss them at the legislative party meeting to be held on Thursday.

While a fake letter on Congress MLA BR Patil's letterhead, which stated that many MLAs are unhappy with the ministers for not providing funds for various development works, created a flutter in political circles, nearly 30 MLAs have written to the CM urging him to convene a meeting of CLP.

Siddaramaiah said the MLAs requested him to hold a meeting, but it was deferred in the wake of the proposed meeting of former AICC president Rahul Gandhi with them. However, it did not happen. Debunking claims, the CM said, "No MLA has complained against any minister."

Meanwhile, Patil said the alleged letter is fake and he would ask the police to take action against those responsible for it.

Koppal MLA Basavaraj Rayareddy said that they have written to the CM to hold a meeting of CLP to discuss the need for better coordination between MLAs and ministers.

Rayareddy, however, said they have nothing to do with the fake letter.

Meanwhile, the BJP tweeted, "Angered by the transfer racket and frequent interference in administration, 30 Congress MLAs have turned against 20 ministers and filed a complaint seeking CM's intervention. Within two months of coming to power, the Siddaramaiah government is facing a no-confidence motion from their legislators."

VIRAL EPISODE

'Voyeurism' takes communal turn in Udupi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Udupi

AFTER the episode of alleged voyeurism by three girls of a paramedical college in Udupi, social media went abuzz with posts by right-wing activists naming the accused girls and seeking police action against them on Tuesday.

The incident took a communal turn after pro-Hindu twitter handles named the accused Muslim girls while claiming that they targeted some Hindu girls. However, Udupi SP Akshay M Hakay clarified that the episode was dealt with at the college level and the videos have not been circulated as alleged. The accused girls admitted before the college authority to doing the act for "fun" and they had deleted the same after the victims came to know and objected.

The SP said the girls have been suspended by the college. There was no police complaint in this regard as the victims themselves did not want the matter to be escalated further, he added.

Many BJP leaders, including CT Ravi and Udupi MLA Yashpal Suvarna, supported right wing activist Rashmi Samant's tweet stating that the Congress government was trying to silence the voice of right wing activists.

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CJI: Parties have a point in opposing RTI inclusion

SHRUTI KAKKAR @ New Delhi

CHIEF Justice of India D Y Chandrachud on Tuesday said that political parties may have a point when they fear that bringing them under the ambit of the Right to Information (RTI) Act may encroach their "internal decision making".

He made the remarks as the court considered a batch of pleas seeking to declare national and regional political parties as "public authorities" under the RTI Act.

Responding to a submission made by a counsel representing the Communist Party of India (Marxist) that there can-

not be requests (under RTI) on why a candidate was selected, and demands for details on the internal decision-making process of a party, Chandrachud said, "They have a point. They say don't ask us to disclose how we chose our candidates. I don't think you can do that."

The pleas, which were filed by Association for Democratic Reforms and Advocate Ashwini Upadhyay, had argued that the Central Information Commission (CIC) in 2013 and 2015 had declared political parties to be public authorities and passed an order for the inclusion of parties receiving benefits from the government under the RTI.

HC asks its team to visit FSL, NIA office

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court asked its central project coordinator and his technical team to visit the Forensic Science Laboratory, Madiwala and the National Investigation Agency (NIA) office to inspect the CCTV footage and storage capacities at the two centres, where one of the accused in the murder of Praveen Nettiur in Mangaluru was interrogated.

A division bench of Justices Sreenivas Harish Kumar and G Basavaraja issued the direction after hearing a petition by Mohammed Shiyab from Dakshina Kannada, who is accused No. 1 in the case. He questioned

the order on March 13, 2023 by the special court, rejecting his prayer to issue directions to provide CCTV footage about the alleged ill-treatment of Mohammed Jabir, accused No. 18, at the centres.

"If the footage dated November 6, 2022 at the office of FSL and from November 7, 2022, to November 14, 2022 at the office of NIA are still available, they may be collected or retrieved

or copied to a portable device like pen-drive etc., and submit the same to the special court in a sealed cover for making use of the same, if necessary, at the appropriate stage, during the trial. If the footage is not available, a report to that effect shall be given to this court", the court said.

The court, however, dismissed the writ petition as it relates to furnishing the call details recordings (CDRs) among NIA officials and the advocate.

Jabir, while giving his confession statement before the special court in February 2023, submitted that he was ill-treated by NIA officers, compelling him to give statements the way they wanted.

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Karnataka High Court

CYBER ATTACKS

Avg data breach cost touches ₹179mn in '23: Report

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

THE average cost of data breach in India reached ₹179 million in 2023, an all-time high and almost a 28% increase since 2020, according to IBM Security.

In its annual 'Cost of a Data Breach Report' released on Tuesday, IBM Security stated, "Detection and escalation costs jumped 45% over this time-frame, representing the highest portion of breach costs indicating a shift towards more com-

plex breach investigations." The breaches occurred between March 2022 and March 2023, the report stated. Data breach costs continue to grow, reaching a record-high global average of \$4.45 million, representing a 15% increase over three years.

Of all the data breaches, phishing at nearly 22%, has emerged as the most common attack type in India, followed by stolen or compromised credentials (16%). "Social engineering was the costliest root



cause of breaches, followed by malicious insider threats," the report stated.

Social engineering, also called 'human hacking', is the tactic using psychological manipulation to trick users into making security mistakes or giving away sensitive information.

"With cyber attacks growing in pace and cost in India, businesses must invest in modern security strategies and solutions to stay resilient," said vice-president, Technology, IBM India & South Asia, Viswanath Ramaswamy.

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No entry for bikes, autos, tractors on e-way from Aug 1

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

FROM August 1, two-wheelers, three-wheelers, tractors and other agricultural vehicles will not be allowed to enter the Bengaluru-Mysuru expressway.

A notification was issued on July 12 and will come into effect from August 1, a top official from National Highways Authority of India told *The New Indian Express*.

They will be blocked at the

entry points and are free to use the service road. Non-motorized vehicles and multi-axle hydraulic vehicles will also be restricted from entering the e-way.

While there were demands before NHAI to allow two-wheelers with high cubic capacity (indicating power output of the engine) to be allowed, with the toll fee, all requests were declined and a blanket ban was imposed on all kinds of two-wheelers. P2

Kids brighter than babus: DKS

At debate on Brand Bengaluru, students give ideas on Metro, garbage mgmt; DyCM impressed

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STATING that children have better ideas than bureaucrats, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Tuesday oversaw a debate competition wherein students from various schools engaged in a verbal battle on transforming the city under the state government's Brand Bengaluru initiative.

After receiving over 70,000 suggestions for the Brand Bengaluru campaign from public and experts, Shivakumar, who is also Bengaluru Development Minister, also took suggestions from the schoolchildren for his pet project.

The students spoke on the importance of using Metro, its impact on the environment and vehicular traffic and how

BBMP spl com is 'Brand Bengaluru' nodal officer



Bengaluru: The state government has appointed Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Special Commissioner **Jayaram Raipura** as nodal officer for its Brand Bengaluru initiative that aims to give an image makeover to the state capital. Also, Bengaluru-based Srishti Manipal Institute of Art, Design and Technology will be the academic partner of the government to realise the goal of 'Vibrant Bengaluru'. The government also appointed a committee involving experts from various fields to give their inputs.

the garden city became garbage city due to poor solid waste management and peoples' attitude.

Shivakumar said it is not former chief minister SM Krishna, Basavaraj Bommai or present CM Siddaramaiah who built Bengaluru. "The city

thrived due to you people (schoolchildren) and the quality of education you are getting as a result of development. In future, you all should be part of a prosperous Bengaluru. Students can give better suggestions than IAS officers and hence, we are also reaching out

to you in transforming Bengaluru," he said.

Hearing a student talking about green Bengaluru, he said after he became minister, he participated in a Environment Day programme where he suggested that the municipality should make agreements with school managements and give them the responsibility of planting saplings and maintaining them. The authorities were instructed that to allow children who maintains saplings to name them. This exercise is to ensure that children display ownership towards the garden city.

The minister added Bengaluru is not a pre-designated city. "Renovating it is a challenging task. For this, the government has signed an agreement with an international agency for Bengaluru," he added.



Metro will build footpaths leading to Jyotipura Metro station | EXPRESS

BMRCL gets HC nod to get land for Metro road works

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

IN A major relief to Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd, the High Court has given it the green signal to go ahead with acquiring land from an apartment complex to complete the widening of the road near the Jyotipura Metro station and build footpaths to the station. The station figures on the crucial KR Puram to Baiyappanahalli stretch for which trial runs begin on Wednesday.

The court last week asked BMRCL to go ahead with the acquisition of 119 sqm and deposit the compensation of Rs 2.58 crore with the civil court. "BMRCL required 261 sqm of land in this complex but after negotiation with the apartment residents, it has been decided that 119 sqm would be taken up so that it does not impact them much. We are giving them the same quantum of land in the vicinity," BMRCL General Manager (Land Acquisition) M S Channappa Goudar said.

The acquisition was stalled for a couple of years as the Royal Heritage Apartments Owners' Association, which takes care of the 105 flats in the residential com-

plex, and the family of the original land owner Srinivas (who had handed over land to build the apartment 25 years ago) both staked claim to the compensation amount. The apartment had taken the matter to court and obtained a stay on the acquisition.

"We impressed upon the court that it had to be expedited as the line is scheduled for launch by August-end. The court decided that the matter of who would get the compensation can be decided later but the acquisition can be completed first," he added.

BMRCL will also pay over Rs 5 lakh to the association for a compound wall. Trial run for the KR Puram-Baiyappanahalli line is all set to begin from Jyotipura Metro station by 4 pm on Wednesday, said Metro sources. An official said, "The train will be charged at Jyotipura by afternoon and we plan to start the trial process by 4 pm. The civil interface test will be done on Wednesday wherein the floor of the train will be checked for alignment with the platform."

Community heads advise youth on Muharram

MOHAMMED YACOOB @Bengaluru

WITH Muharram to be observed on July 29, religious heads from the Muslim community have sent out a strong appeal to community members not to indulge in any acts that disturb or hurt other citizens. The community heads said that blocking of roads, using DJ sets and holding rallies and celebrations should be avoided.

Moulana Maqsood Imran Rashadi, chief priest (Sunni sect), Jamia Masjid, City Market, said a communication has been sent out to all masjids in Bengaluru to inform community members not to take out rallies and use replicas of the Kaaba in Mecca and Madina Masjid in Saudi Arabia.

"The use of DJ sets, beating of drums, rallies, dancing and slogans are not permitted under Islamic law, and also causes inconvenience to the public. I appeal to the youth and community members not to indulge in any unlawful activities," said Rashadi. Shia community leaders have already taken permission for the traditional rally between Johnson Market near Richmond Road up to the Shia graveyard on Hosur Road.

"We take out a traditional rally to mourn the martyrdom of Hazrat Hussain in Karbala grounds. Our message to the youth is to focus on education, healthcare and peace," said Bakhar Abbas Abid, member, Anjuman-E-Imamia (Shia representative body). The procession would commence at 1pm and conclude by 5pm on July 29.

Expressway saw 132 fatal accidents since January



ALOK KUMAR INSPECTS EXPRESSWAY

Additional Director General of Police (Traffic and Road Safety) Alok Kumar inspected the Bengaluru-Mysuru expressway on Tuesday along with Ramanagara SP Karthik Reddy and IGP (Central Range) BR Ravikanth Gowda. Alok Kumar examined the safety measures taken to curb the increasing accidents on the expressway.

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THE 6-lane expressway, which reduces travel time between Bengaluru and Mysuru, was officially inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in March, but was opened to traffic months earlier. Ever since, it has been in the news for one or other reason, including fatal accidents, controversy over the toll fee, and lack of a continuous service road.

Home Minister G Parameshwara had stated that the e-way lacks scientific planning and the police department, led by Additional Director General of Police (Traffic and Road Safety) Alok Kumar inspected the stretch in June and started penalising over-speeding vehicles. Of the 296 accidents on the e-way since January, 132 were fatal. The maximum speed limit allowed on the e-way is 100 km/hour.

After being heavily criticised for the increasing number of accidents, NHA set up a three-member committee to inspect the stretch and is expected to submit a report by this month-end.



WET, WET TUESDAY

Steady showers lashed the city for most part of Tuesday, affecting traffic. The city recorded 6.5 mm rainfall, according to IMD | VINOD KUMAR T

On 3rd anniversary of NEP, stakeholders say policy a success

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

INDIAN Institute of Science Director Govindan Rangarajan on Tuesday said after the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP), the number of people enrolling for online courses has increased considerably. The multi-disciplinary approach of the policy has encouraged many students to take up higher studies and many premier institutions have been increasing their admission intake, he told reporters on the sidelines of a discussion session held to mark the third anniversary of NEP.

The central government in collaboration with stakeholders, including the ministries of education, skill and entre-



Indian Institute of Science Director Govindan Rangarajan takes part in a panel discussion on NEP in Bengaluru on Tuesday | EXPRESS

preneurship development and premier educational institutions organised events across the country to mark the day on Tuesday.

Sharing major achievements of the policy, Rangarajan said many students opted to stay back in India to pursue studies after NEP was implemented.

However, logistic issues such as hiring faculty members for a multi-disciplinary approach has been difficult and will be solved over a couple of years, he added. BN Sridhar, Regional Directorate of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (RDSDE), said, "NEP has helped develop schools and colleges into education hubs. The department has also signed MoUs with organisations such as Infosys, Tata Consultancy Services, LinkedIn, IBM and Amazon to promote skill development initiatives." He added that the government plans to start several other vocational skill training programmes to encourage more women.

Asked about the Karnataka government's new education policy, the panel declined to

comment. Countering the question about NEP discouraging southern languages, the panel said NEP has in fact encouraged learning in one's mother tongue and textbooks are also being printed in different languages.

"Usually CBSE school curriculum is based on only two languages, either English or Hindi, but after NEP, schools have been introducing mode of teaching in different languages," pointed out P Ramesh, Regional Officer, CBSE, Bengaluru, adding that the 5+3+3+4 system of education is a welcome move. According to the stakeholders, such briefings to highlight the implementation and achievements of NEP will be taken to the grassroots level in the whole country.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

26th July: What sort of week is this? If I told you that it's way-out, wild and uncontrollable, yet sober, serious and severe, you'd probably get the message. In other words, there'll be a lot of fine judgements to be made, for a wide variety of responses will be necessary to cope with dramatically differing situations.

ARIES

(Mar 21 - Apr 20)

From now on you should begin to take care of all matters concerning long-distance travel and the law. Be sure you know your rights in all areas, leave no stone unturned and check even the smallest details. And remember one thing particularly - you also have responsibilities to others.

TAURUS

(Apr. 21 - May 21)

No doubt you are recovering from yesterday's emotional ups and downs. There will be a shift of emphasis towards monetary desires and concerns, but please don't imagine that partners' hopes have been met by recent agreements. There might still be some way to go before they're satisfied.

GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21)

A new dimension opens in your chart today, one which will encourage partners to act very strangely indeed. Look closely, however, and you may begin to see that it's your perceptions which are changing, rather than their actions. Perhaps it's time to move on.

CANCER

(June 22 - July 23)

Mars, ruling your energy levels, is still set to sustain you, but it cannot take care of every-even-tuality. This is why you must now turn your attention to the most routine, mundane tasks, for it's here that you are likely to overlook essential details.

LEO

(July 24 - Aug. 23)

Even though you should be considering longer-term issues and broadening your horizons, the pressure to achieve something now, in the immediate future, is still very strong. If your desires haven't been granted, return to first principles, and make a fresh start.

VIRGO

(Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)

Don't let others push you into hasty decisions. You still have much to gain from being patient. However, you're entering a new phase at home which will make you wonder just how much patience is required. The answer is simple: an infinite amount!

LIBRA

(Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

Your daily cycle indicates optimism and a venture, but a new fortnightly pattern which begins today shows uncertainty and confusion. The advice is simple: pace yourself and never make a move until you are certain of the outcome. Also, if partners think you should do what ever you're told, try putting your point of view - and see how they react.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 24 - Nov. 23)

Spare a little thought for financial matters. You may be confused by the different options, and if you decide to soap current involve-ments and return to the past, that is entirely your decision. Just pay a little attention to what partners think.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)

Just when you thought that everything was clear, conditions change. Mercury is now behaving strangely. This is one way of saying that, for the next two weeks, you'll have the distinct feeling that for every two steps forward, you'll be taking three backwards!

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)

This is undoubtedly a very fine moment for a spot of creative self-expression. Whether it's fun and pleasure to which you turn, or rather more serious matter of making your fortune, this is definitely a time to come to know yourself better!

AQUARIUS

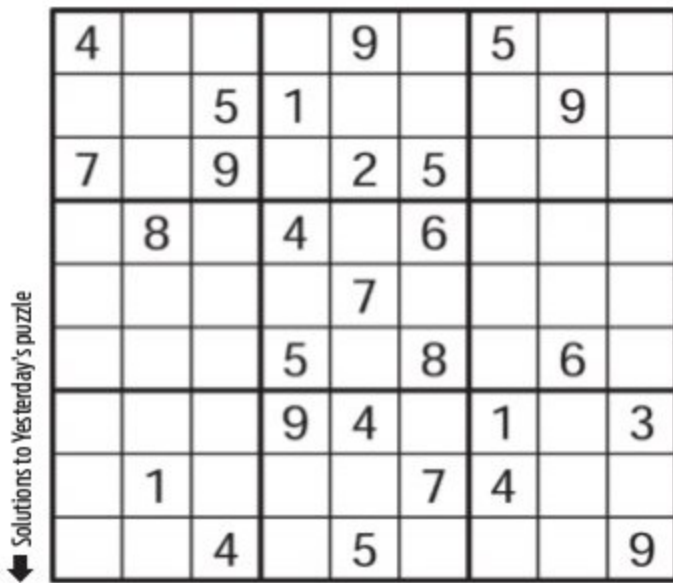
(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

Get in touch with old friends. That is the simple message of today's planetary movements. Other indications are equally forthright: have fun, be creative and recharge your batteries by spending time with children, sharing the things that they enjoy.

PISCES

(Feb. 20 - Mar 20)

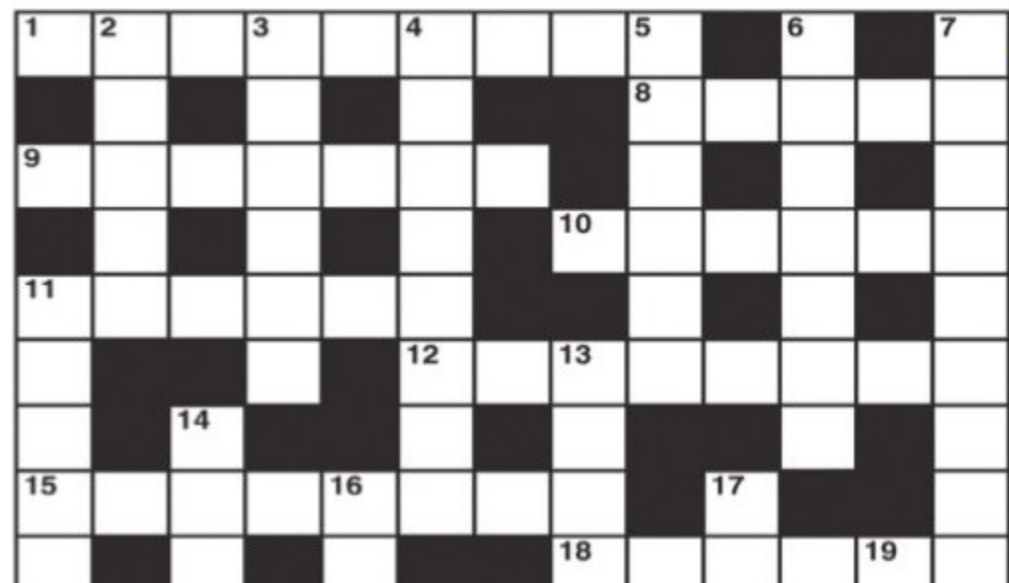
You may be slightly confused about where you should be living, but then this is a recurrent dilemma. You may also be perplexed by a recent twist in your professional affairs, so give yourself all the time you need to figure out the best response.



SU DOKU HARD

TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3x3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS

- 1 Baker ordered firm to supply meal (9)
- 8 Blackbird nesting in a brave new world (5)
- 9 Fall of a rotter in a lawsuit (7)
- 10 Seafood is said to be beef (6)
- 11 One drink after another (6)
- 12 Four in new search for records (8)
- 15 Not quite free to give the result of the division (8)
- 18 Issue Oriental blend (6)
- 20 Show a note to some chap (6)
- 21 Meet Edward and be articulate (7)
- 22 Has to renew promises (5)
- 23 Simple departure is without formality (4-5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Cast-off 4 Tarts 7 Edgy, 8 Veronese 10 Paper clips 12 Cashed, 13 Greels 15 Elasticity 18 Surgeon, 19 Nile 20 Split 21 Engaged.

DOWN

- 2 Stetch - of river? (5)
- 3 Make a legal charge (6)
- 4 Make a union defer tea break (8)
- 5 In depression find a place to drink (6)
- 6 Slippery vase I've smashed (7)
- 7 Pen and fold in an envelope (9)
- 11 Victor or William perhaps (9)
- 13 Kind of unusual age to cry (8)
- 14 Big chap who was catapulted to fame (7)
- 16 Packed against the unexpected? (2,4)
- 17 Show preference for a penthouse (4-2)
- 19 New - to ocean travel? (5)

Down: 1 Cheap 2 Signpost 3 Freely, 4 Troop train 5 Red, 6 Showers 9 Greenlight, 11 Retiring, 12 Courses, 14 Ashore, 16 Vindict, 17 Curt.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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Yesterday's

Jumbles: MINCE MONTH FORBID PIGEON

Answer: When Noah Webster published his first dictionary in 1806, it was a — DEFINING MOMENT



His wife figured he'd eat too much at the memorial day cookout because she...

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

MORE COUPLES TURN TO IVF TO DELAY FAMILIES

Freeze eggs, sperm for later use; Ovarian tumours another reason

NAMRATA SINDWANI
@ Bengaluru

AWARENESS about in-vitro fertilisation (IVF) processes has also increased the number of people opting for egg and sperm freezing as an alternative to delay starting a family, experts observed.

Dr Sowmya Sangamesh, consultant obstetrician and fertility specialist at BGS Gleneagles Global Hospital, said, "Over the past few years, there has been a five-fold increase in the number of women wanting to opt for egg freezing, mostly by women who are career driven, and want to excel in their profession before focussing on childbearing."

Egg freezing was mostly suggested to cancer patients, but has now trickled down to young people who wish to delay parenthood, said Dr Deepthi Bawa, consultant gynaecologist (reproductive medicine and IVF), Sparsh Hospital.

Since cancer has become more prevalent in India, especially in the 30-40 age group, more women are considering freezing their eggs, while men

WOMAN SEEKS IVF TREATMENT, ADVISED NATURAL METHOD

Bengaluru: A 30-year-old woman, married for five years, complained of being unable to achieve vaginal penetration. She was extremely fearful of the pain and was unable to undergo a gynaecological pelvic examination too. Doctors explained that the condition is called vaginismus. The woman was uneducated about sexual practices and did not have anyone to share her personal issues with either. After five years of marriage, her family started pressuring her to conceive, and visited Nova IVF Fertility to undergo IVF treatment to conceive. Dr Aviva Pinto, fertility consultant, explained that even for IVF treatment, she needs to undergo pelvic examination and transvaginal scans. After a lot of counselling, she was advised to try conceiving naturally for a year, and seek IVF treatment if unsuccessful.

are freezing sperm. Bawa added.

With July 25 observed as World IVF Day, doctors explained that IVF is fertility treatment where medication is used to stimulate egg growth in ovaries, and can be frozen for later use. Women undergo IVF treatment or consider freezing their eggs for multiple reasons, including chemotherapy, ovarian tumours, delayed childbearing or risk of premature ovarian failure. It is suggested that they freeze their eggs in their late 20s, as the quality of eggs deteriorates with time, reducing

chances of fertilisation in later years.

Dr Sangamesh also clarified that the egg freezing process does not take away from a woman's egg reserve, or affect her chances of conceiving naturally; rather, it helps as a backup if there is difficulty in conception. The rate of spontaneous pregnancy after IVF ranges from 10 to 35 per cent. Hence, if frozen eggs remain unused, they can even be donated to other eligible couples. The eggs can be utilised up to 10 years, and currently cost Rs 1.5-2.5 lakh.

Nod needed before pvt complaints referred for probe: HC

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THE Karnataka High Court directed magistrates, session judges and special courts not to entertain private complaints against public servants for investigation, if such complaints are not accompanied by prior sanction or approval from competent authorities under Section 17A of the Prevention of Corruption Act.

Justice M Nagaprasanna passed the order while quashing proceedings initiated under the IPC and Prevention of Corruption Act, based on a private

complaint filed by RTI activist Syed Malik Pasha against Dr Ashok V, district officer of the Backward Classes Welfare department in Chikkaballapura, without prior approval from the competent authority. Terming the case as a misuse and abuse of the law by the complainant, the court noted that if this practice is permitted, it would open the gates for vexatious litigation.

The court said it has come across several cases where private complaints are preferred by complainants who do not approach investigating agencies like the Karnataka Lokayukta, but choose to knock on the doors of a magistrate or sessions judge. The magistrate or judge would refer the matter under Section 156(3) of CrPC for investigation, and the police or Lokayukta would have no choice but to register a crime. What happens in this process is the protective filter for vexatious, frivolous or malicious prosecution against public servants, created by Parliament in 2018 bringing Section 17A to the Prevention of Corruption Act, is rendered illusory, the court added.

HC'S CHECKLIST FOR MAGISTRATES/JUDGES

- Complainant should narrate in private complaint that he made efforts to register a complaint before Lokayukta police and no action was taken by them, with supporting documents

- Private complaints should be appended with prior approval granted by competent authority

- Second direction would be applicable only if offences alleged are punishable under the Prevention of Corruption Act, or allegation is amalgam of offences both under the Act and the IPC



Aam Aadmi Party members protest against the atrocities on women and violence in Manipur, at Freedom Park in Bengaluru on Tuesday | EXPRESS

Girl with burnt food pipe gets a new one

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A six-year-old African girl, who accidentally consumed floor-cleaning acidic liquid two years ago which completely burnt her food pipe, was relying on a feeding tube ever since.

Farah (name changed) was playing on the floor at home when she consumed the corrosive liquid which burnt not only her food pipe but a part of her intestine too. She was immediately rushed to hospital where doctors removed part of her damaged food pipe and created an opening in her abdomen to directly feed her small intestine through a tube. For over two years, she was fed with the tube.

Her parents could not see her suffer, and started looking for a permanent cure. They were referred to Fortis Hospital, Banerghatta Road, in Bengaluru, where she underwent an oesophago-gastro-duodenoscopy (a camera test done to examine the upper digestive system) which revealed that the char-

ring had narrowed the connection between the food pipe, stomach and a portion of intestine.

The complex situation needed a multi-disciplinary approach, doctors opined. Dr Manish Joshi, chief surgical gastroenterologist, HPB and bariatric surgeon, advanced laparoscopic and robotic surgeon, said the procedure was extremely complex as they had to entirely reconstruct the girl's food pipe. They intricately removed the damaged portion of the food pipe and cut a part of the stomach to create a gastric conduit (tube). It was then attached to the remaining food pipe (which was unburnt), reconstructing the passage for food and liquids.

Further, an endoscopic CRE (controlled radial expansion) dilation was also done wherein an expandable balloon catheter was inserted to correct the narrowed connection between the food pipe and stomach. The girl's condition was stable post the procedure. She was able to consume fluids orally and was discharged the next day.



A trolley bag with a part of the counterfeit currency notes | EXPRESS

Fake pink notes dumped near NICE Road create buzz

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MEMBERS of the public who passed by the NICE Road on Kanakapura Road were amused to find wads of currency of Rs 2,000 denomination on Tuesday morning. The police, who seized the notes, said they were counterfeit currency and are

investigating the case.

The public was shocked to see wads of pink notes dumped by the roadside in two carton boxes and a trolley bag. While commuters slowed down their vehicles, many stopped, unable to believe that so much cash was dumped by the roadside. The police also received infor-

mation and rushed to the spot.

"The carton boxes and the trolley bag were kept open. It didn't take long to confirm that they were not original, but photocopies of Rs 2,000 denomination. Also, there were white papers in between them. They were seized and a case has been registered to trace the person

involved in this. The value of the counterfeit currency is approximately Rs 10 crore," the police said. It is learnt that a vessel which is used by rice-pulling scamsters to cheat people was also found at the spot, and it is suspected that those involved in rice-pulling cases may have dumped them there.

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क्रमांक/4013/न.पा.नि./ले.नि. शाखा/2023/ बीरगांव, दिनांक 21/07/2023
ई-प्रोक्चरमेंट निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना
e-Procurement Tender Notice (1st Call)
(System Tender 142148, 142580, 142581, 142582 and 142583
Bid Due Date 14.08.2023 Time 17:30)
नगर पालिक निगम बीरगांव द्वारा 15वें वित्त आयोग अन्तर्गत तालाब सौंदर्यीकरण, ओओसरचना मद अन्तर्गत अर्बन इन्फ्रस्ट्रक्चर पार्क, जीम भवन निर्माण, समतलीकरण कार्य एवं मान. मुख्यमंत्री घोषणा अन्तर्गत भवन निर्माण कार्य के लिए System Tender 142148, 142580, 142581, 142582 and 142583 अनुसार लोक निर्माण विभाग में (Unified Schedule of Rates (PWD Road / Building 01-01.2015 and Electrical 2020 & PHE SOR 2020 with all amendments up to date) से प्रचलित एस.ओ.आर. में प्रतिशत दर पर (Bid Due Date 14.08.2023 Time 17:30) तक ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। इच्छुक सहम पात्र निविदाकार, निविदा प्रपत्र, अनुमानित लागत राशि, नियम एवं शर्तें, धरोहर राशि, Key Date एवं विस्तृत जानकारी कार्यालयीन अवधि में निकाय कार्यालय से प्राप्त कर सकेंगे। साथ ही यह जानकारी नगर पालिक निगम बीरगांव की वेबसाइट www.nagamangirgaon.com व संचालनालय की वेबसाइट www.oad.cg.gov.in में भी उपलब्ध है। इसे <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> से डाउनलोड/प्राप्त कर ईटेंडरिंग के माध्यम से निविदा भरने की कार्यवाही कर सकते हैं। आयुक्त

SOUTHERN RAILWAY				
Works Branch, Madurai Division				
Tender Notice No. MDU-W-18-2023 dated 24.07.2023				
For and on behalf of The President of India, e-tender is invited for the following work by the Divisional Railway Manager/Works Southern Railway/Madurai. Tender closing date for item No.1 to 8 on 16.08.2023 at 14.00 hrs.				
Sl. No.	Name of Work	App. Value Rs. in lakhs	EMD Rs.	Period of completion
1	Sr.DEN/CMDU - Construction of Subway at Old LC no.18 @km.19/600-700 between Madurai - Uellampatti stations near Keelapacheri village in MDU-BONK section	172.75	236400	9 months
2	Madurai Division - Senior Divisional Engineer/Central/Madurai Jurisdiction: Proposed raising of existing rail /medium level Platform to high level Platform at Vadipatti (PF.No.2) station.	121.87	210900	6 months
3	Madurai Division Senior Divisional Engineer/Central/Madurai Jurisdiction Proposed raising of existing rail /medium level Platform to high level Platform at Tirupachetti (PF.No.182), Rajagambaram (PF.No.1) stations.	385.15	342600	9 months
4	Madurai Division Senior Divisional Engineer/Central/Madurai Jurisdiction: Proposed raising of existing rail /medium level Platform to high level Platform at Silaman (PF.No. 1&2), Tirupuvanam (PF.No.1 & 2) stations.	531.81	415900	9 months
5	Madurai-Manamadurai-Virudunagar section: Proposed ancillary works for deep screening by Ballast Cleaning Machine in track at isolated locations between Km 31.000 to 47.100 in Tirupachetti - Manamadurai stations & between Km. 526.250 to km 620.460 in Manamadurai-Virudunagar stations at isolated locations for a total length of 77.510 kms, and Manual deep screening at isolated platform location in TPC, RAGM, MNM, NKK, TCH & APK stations for a length of 4.880 kms under Senior Section Engineer / Permanent way / Manamadurai section.	406.89	353500	15 months
6	Dindigul - Madurai (UP line) Section :- Proposed ancillary works for deepscreening by Ballast Cleaning Machine in track at isolated locations between Km - 449.900 to 494.200 for a length of 14.373 kms during available Night/Day block hours in between stations Amburail & Madurai in Senior Section Engineer/P way/ BG/Madurai section.	38.87	77800	12 months.
7	Senior Section Engineer/P way / Manapaluri :- Standardization of formation at isolated locations between km.352.200 to 357.400 in between stations Pungudi and Kolatur	317.11	308600	12 months
8	Madurai Division Sr.DEN/S Jurisdiction Painting of steel girder bridges during the year 2023-2024 at SCOT-PUI Section for Bridge no.1984, 1985, 2019, 2033, 2139.	8.61	17200	3 months

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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
Coffee Board of India invites e-tender for the Selection of Competitions Management Agency for providing end to end support in Organizing and Managing Competitions and Associated Activities of World Coffee Conference (WCC)-September 2023. Last date for bid submission is 14th August 2023. Tender document containing details of event, scope of work and other terms and conditions may be downloaded from the <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> or www.indiacoffee.org

RAIL COACH FACTORY, KAPURTHALA				
On-line bids are invited by PCMM, RCF on behalf of President of India for following items:-				
Sr. No.	Tender No. / Due Date	Description	Qty. (Nos./Sets)	EMD (Rs.)
1.	12231223/17.08.2023	AL PROFILE	21200 Kgs.	
		ALUMINIUM PROFILE L=2350 MM,	15219 Kgs.	3,57,070/-
		ALUMINIUM PROFILE FOR MIDDLE CEILING SHEET	34397 Nos.	
2.	14221101C/18.08.2023	5X1250X1250	6976 Nos.	5,07,780/-
		20X1250X1250	17401 Nos.	
3.	14231143/16.08.2023	Fleet Graphic Film	75 Nos.	3,26,570/-
4.	17231157/14.08.2023	Interior Stickers with Braille Script for LHB AC2 Tier Coaches	167 Sets	82,830/-
5.	17231150/23.08.2023	Set of Spare Interior Fittings for LHB AC Economy Coaches	251 Sets	1,44,840/-
6.	17231255/17.08.2023	Set of Metallic Roof Panels for Luggage Compartment for LHB SLR HOG Coaches (31-Seater)	100 Sets	87,820/-
7.	17231284/23.08.2023	Set of Floor Plate for LHB SLR HOG Coaches (31-Seater)	114 Sets	1,71,840/-
8.	05231134/21.08.2023	Set of Brake Calliper Unit2	(i) 02 Sets (ii) 10 Sets	3,09,400/-
9.	05231195/21.08.2023	Axle Mounted Disc Brake System for Power Car	5 Sets	3,11,540/-
10.	05231198/23.08.2023	Set of Front Part	84 Sets	8,38,320/-
11.	05231204/24.08.2023	Set of Door Cutout	76 Sets	86,640/-
12.	05231218/18.08.2023	Flat Roof Assembly	66 Nos.	1,87,440/-
13.	01231118/16.08.2023	Roll Link	7856 Nos.	3,60,980/-
14.	01231150/23.08.2023	Traction Center	2922 Nos.	4,65,470/-
15.	01231151/17.08.2023	Set of Dome Cum Air Reservoir Assy.	474 Sets	7,28,590/-
16.	01231165/28.08.2023	Bearing	5630 Nos.	68,560/-
17.	02231096/14.08.2023	S.I.T.C. of Self Regulating Heat Tracer and Specialized Heating Solution	68 Nos.	6,00,780/-

1. For details and making On-line bids, visit Website <http://ireps.gov.in>. Drawings/specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF Website <http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in>. Class IIIB digital signature certificate required for on-line bidding, can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at <http://www.cce.gov.in>
2. Tenders will close at 14.25 HRS. on due date and tender will be opened at 14.30 HRS. Tenders Sr. No. 1 to 7 will be open at RCF Kapurthala and Sr. No. 8 to 17 will be opened at Tilak Bridge, New Delhi.
3. For queries, contact IREPS Help desk at 011-24102855, 011-24105180 or RCF help desk at 011-23378658.
Note: GST Number of RCF is 03AAAGM0289C1ZT. All the suppliers are advised to quote this in dispatch documents for the supplies made by them. PCMM
CORRIGENDUM
The following amendment is authorized against Tender No. 04231073/02.08.2023 for Brushless DC Fan 110V 400MM Sweep, Existing Quantity 14174 Nos. should be read as Quantity 18247 Nos.
No. : G-RCF/122/Stores/60/2023-24 Dated: 25.07.2023

Karnataka Forest Department,
O/o the Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Forest Mobile Squad, Jarakabande Forest Campus,
Kammagondanahalli, Bengaluru-560015.
e-Tender cum Auction Notification
It is hereby invited to the General Public that 04 Vehicles confiscated in Forest Offense Cases will be sold through e-Tender cum Auction mode on 17.08.2023 from 15:00 hrs. to 17:00 hrs. as per Notification No. A1/FMS/Vehicle/Auction/CR-10/2018-19, date: 18.07.2023 through online <https://www.mssteecommerce.com> at Jarakabande Forest Campus, Kammagondanahalli, Bengaluru-15. Further information can be obtained through the website.
Sd/-Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Forest Mobile Squad, Bengaluru.
DIPR/DD-C/P/640/KSMCA/2023-24

SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM LIMITED
CIN U75302KL2017SGC05027
E-TENDER NOTICE
E-Tenders are invited for the following projects of Smart City Thiruvananthapuram Limited Project Area 1) Request for proposal RFP for Selection of Contractor for Development of Smart Roads and Underground Ducting Including Utility Shifting of Water Supply and Power lines in ABD area Under Smart (Corporation Roads) in Thiruvananthapuram
Sl. No. Name of Project E Tender ID PAC Amount (Exclusive of GST) Bid Submission Last Date
Selection of Contractor for Development of Smart Roads and Underground Ducting including Utility Shifting of Water Supply and Power lines in ABD area Under Smart Corporation Roads in Thiruvananthapuram
1 MRT Road (Road ID 185) 2023_SCTLT_552621.4 Rs. 1,66,77,152/- 29/07/2023
2 Sankaranarayana Street (Road ID 100) 2023_SCTLT_551252.4 Rs. 2,64,00,214 29/07/2023
Date and Time of Opening Price Bid: To be Intimated Separately to Technically Qualified Bidders by e-mail. All the RFP documents and details are available on the e-Procurement Website. Bids are only accepted online on the Website <https://tenders.kerala.gov.in/>.
(Sd/-) CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM Ltd.

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ನೇಮಕಾತಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
ರದ್ದಿ ಸಹಕಾರ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ನಿಯಮಿತ, ಧಾರವಾಡ ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾಲಿ ಇರುವ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಮುದಾಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಅರ್ಹ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳ ನೇರ ನೇಮಕಾತಿಗಾಗಿ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ (Online) ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.
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02 ಸೇವಕ / ಜವಾನ 10 12500/- - 24000/-
[1] ಕಿರಿಯ ಸಹಾಯಕ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ ವಿವರಾರ್ಹತೆ:
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[2] ಸೇವಕ/ ಜವಾನ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ ವಿವರಾರ್ಹತೆ: ಎಸ್.ಎಸ್.ಎಸ್.ಎಸ್. ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತೇರ್ಗಡೆ ಹೊಂದಿರತಕ್ಕದ್ದು.
[3] ಪರೀಕ್ಷಾಧಿಷ್ಠಿ: ಕಿರಿಯ ಸಹಾಯಕರು ಮತ್ತು ಸೇವಕ/ ಜವಾನ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳಿಗೆ : ನೇಮಕಾತಿಗಾಗಿ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಯು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 05-11-2022 ಕ್ಕೆ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿಗಳನ್ವಯ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ಮತ್ತು ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ವಯೋಮಿತಿ ಹೊಂದಿರತಕ್ಕದ್ದು.
[04] ಅರ್ಜಿ ಶುಲ್ಕ : (ಎ) ಕಿರಿಯ ಸಹಾಯಕ ಹುದ್ದೆಗೆ ರೂ.1000/-+ಜಿಎಸ್‌ಟಿ ರೂ. 180/- ಒಟ್ಟು ರೂ. 1180/- ಮತ್ತು ಸೇವಕ/ ಜವಾನ ಹುದ್ದೆಗೆ ರೂ.500/- ಜಿಎಸ್‌ಟಿ ರೂ. 90/- ಒಟ್ಟು ರೂ 590/- ಗಳನ್ನು ಆನ್ ಲೈನ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಪಾವತಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು.
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ವಿ.ಸಂ.: ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕುರಿತು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿ/ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕಿನ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್: www.raddibank.com ಮೂಲಕ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.
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JDS to go it alone in LS polls: Gowda

Says both regional party and BJP take a similar stand on many issues affecting Karnataka

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

FORMER prime minister HD Deve Gowda on Tuesday said Janata Dal (Secular) will fight the 2024 Lok Sabha polls independently and not join hands with any party.

"The JDS will fight the Lok Sabha elections on its own, no matter how many seats we will win," Gowda told reporters in Bengaluru. Gowda said that at an appropriate time, the party will decide what is good for a stable government.

His statement assumes significance as the JDS and BJP joined hands to fight the Congress government in the state within the Assembly and outside of it, and there was speculation about the regional party moving closer to BJP ahead of the Lok Sabha polls.

The former PM, however, said they will field the candidates wherever the party has a good base and after consulting with local leaders. "We will save the party and further strengthen it," he said. All MLAs, MLCs, and leaders will work together, he added.

Asked about BJP and JDS working together, the former PM said BJP is the principal opposition party and the JDS is also an opposition party in the Assembly and Council. Both of them take a similar stand on many issues and it is not correct to draw inference. It was the same when Congress and JDS were in opposition when BJP was in power, he said.

Taking potshots at Congress leaders who criticise the JDS for joining hands with the BJP in the past, the former PM said even Ramakrishna Hegde had become Commerce Minister in the NDA government and Siddaramaiah was the president of Kannada Watchdog Committee (Kannada Kavalu Samiti) in the first non-Congress government formed the state by Janata Party with the support of



BJP in 1983. "Some people only talk about Kumaraswamy joining hands with BJP," he said.

BJP state president and opposition leader

On the Opposition Leader in the Assembly and appointment of a new state president by the BJP, the former PM hinted that there were discussions in BJP on appointing CT Ravi as the state party president and Basanagouda Patil Yatal as Opposition leader. However, he said it is their internal party issue.

Opposition leaders' meeting

THE former PM claimed that some Congress leaders had threatened that they would stay away from the 26 parties' opposition meeting that was held in Bengaluru, if he was invited to it. "One group in the Congress had threatened that they will not attend the meeting, if I am invited. Nitish Kumar is my friend," he said, when asked about the reason for not being invited to the meeting. Gowda, however, did not name the local Congress leaders.

"(NCP leader) Sharad Pawar attended the meeting. But, what happened after that. They are going to support the NDA," Gowda opined, referring to the developments in the NCP.

WE WILL SAVE THE PARTY AND FURTHER STRENGTHEN IT
HD Deve Gowda, Former prime minister

Take back excess NICE land, former PM urges CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

FORMER prime minister HD Deve Gowda on Tuesday urged the state government to take back the excess land given to NICE for the Bengaluru-Mysuru Infrastructure Corridor (BMIC) project.

"(Chief Minister) Siddaramaiah talks about ethics. What is the difficulty in taking back 11,660 acres of excess land? Each acre costs around Rs 5-10 crore. They can use the money for their five guarantees," the former PM told reporters. "Instead of preaching about ethics, the CM must take a firm stand on it," he said.

Gowda said senior Congress leader and former minister TB Jayachandra, who was heading a House Committee, had given a report recommending action against alleged irregularities in the project. On July 20, 2023, Jayachandra, while speaking in the Assembly, asked the government to take back the project due to alleged irregularities, Gowda said.

The cabinet sub-committee was also formed during the BJP government headed by Basavaraj Bommai.

JDS MLA and former chief minister HD Kumaraswamy had earlier stated that they have decided to join hands with BJP to fight against the government on the NICE issue. He had also demanded the government to recommend a Central Bureau of Investigation probe into the alleged irregularities in the project.



DKS assures sites to farmers whose lands were acquired for NICE project

DyCM DK Shivakumar said the government will take measures to give sites to farmers, whose lands were acquired for the NICE project. Farmers from Sompura, whose lands were acquired for the project, met the DyCM and informed him that their lands were acquired 23 years ago, but they have not got the sites as promised. They urged the DyCM to visit the village to resolve the issue. Responding to the farmers' requests, Shivakumar said they will take measures to provide sites to farmers and also look into the other issues.

Other beneficiaries too under Gruha Jyothi

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FARMERS and electricity consumers who were earlier getting energy at subsidised rates under various schemes will be merged with those under Gruha Jyothi scheme. They need not register separately.

Energy officials said backend staffers were working to merge the data of consumers covered under Kuteera Jyothi, Bhagya Jyothi and Amrutha Jyothi under the Gruha Jyothi scheme, for domestic consumption.

"If a consumer has registered, it is fine. But if not, even then it is ok. They will still be able to avail of Gruha Jyothi scheme, as the department has their RR Number and Aadhaar details. It will be merged and consumers will get up to 200 units of free power from August 1," said an official.

This was being done as it was noted that consumers who were getting free power under various schemes were reducing power consumption even more so that they could avail of Kuteera, Amrutha and Bhagya Jyothi schemes, while others registering under Gruha Jyothi were getting to consume more power for no charge, he added.

Energy Minister KJ George on Tuesday said the government was doing this to increase coverage of the Gruha Jyothi scheme. However, IP sets and commercial supply of power to farmers will continue to be covered under various state government subsidy schemes.

He said that all consumers will be getting the benefits of the scheme from the next billing cycle, and data is being merged in a technical manner.

Raw deal for water resource department

The Siddaramaiah government has meted out a raw deal for the Water Resources Department by reducing the grants by about Rs 3,500 crore. The BJP government had provided Rs. 1,700 crore to the Water Resources Department under SC-PTSP scheme. The Congress government has earmarked only Rs 100 crore for this purpose this year. While Rs 960 crore has been provided to the Yettinahole project, no priority is accorded to the UKP. The grants for the Upper Bhadra Project have been reduced.

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TORRENTIAL TUESDAY

Rain bountiful, but farmers may not get water yet

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

WITH fairly good rainfall over the last few days, inflows into reservoirs have been encouraging. The farming community, which suffered due to delayed monsoon this year, has been demanding that water be released for their standing crops. But for the government, the priorities are drinking water and sufficient storage to last throughout the year.

Farmer leader Kurubur Shantakumar said, "I'm just now visiting our farmer leaders in Bagalkot and other adjoining areas where there is a need for water. The requirement is specific and it has a time frame. We are asking for water for the standing kharif crops."

DyCM DK Shivakumar said, "We will hold a meeting of district ministers and others. Wherever there is a need we will release water."

Former CM Basavaraj Bommai said, "Better water management can be taken up." Former water resources minister Govind Karjol, too, said the water level at the Tungbhadra Dam has increased and farmers, especially paddy growers, have to

be given water immediately. The inflows to Hidkal dam, along the Ghataprabha river, have been good and farmers on the right and left bank canals have been requesting for water, he added.

A source said that unless the dams are 60 per cent full they cannot release water. They said the state has 13 major reservoirs, including Tungbhadra, Bhadra, Ghataprabha, KRS, Hemavathi, Malaprabha, Varahi, Narayanpura, Kabin and Harangi, and not all of them have reached 60 per cent capacity. It may not be prudent to release water for irrigation now, he explained.

A source in the water resource department said, "Bengaluru, Mysuru, Mandya and Cauvery basin cities need 25 tmcft of water. We also need to release 40 tmcft to Tamil Nadu. Where is water for all when most reservoirs are only 40 per cent full? What is the guarantee that the monsoon will continue to be good this year? When we receive requisite amounts of water, we will release it for irrigation. When have we stopped water for agriculture ever in any year," he asked.



The boat facility has been extended to residents of Benguru village in Kodagu

Flood alert declared in Kodagu dist

ENS @ Madikeri

HEAVY rain continued to pound several parts of Kodagu on Tuesday, forcing authorities to issue a flood alert across the district, including low-lying areas across Kushalnagar, Bhagamandala and Karadigodu. Rafts have been kept ready for emergency use in flood-affected zones.

The water level at Bhagamandala increased and a flood warning was issued in the temple town. A relief centre has been opened at Siddapura, but several residents have refused to shift. Low-lying areas across the Kushalnagar belt are flooded, following increased outflows of 20,000 cusecs from the Harangi dam. Kottamudi village in Udipi district has been completely cut off from the outside world.

The water level is rising fast across Bethri and Balamuri regions. The Bethri Bridge is likely to be cut off if heavy rain continues to lash the catchment areas. Boat facilities have been extended at Benguru village limits in Madikeri taluk after flooding of the village roads from River Cauvery. The fire department staff will manage the boat facility in case of emergencies. The residents staying in the landslide-prone area of Tora village - that had recorded massive landslides during the 2018 monsoon - have been cautioned to shift to safer areas.

'RAIN DEFICIT IN JUNE BEING COMPENSATED'

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AS per data, 13 districts have logged heavy rainfall. While red alert has been issued for Dakshina Kannada, Udupi, Uttara Kannada and Chikkamagaluru, orange alert has been sounded for Belagavi, Kodagu and Shivamogga. Yellow alert has been issued for Bidar, Bagalkot, Kalaburagi, Vijayapura, Ballari and Hassan.

An official from the Revenue Department said the situation is challenging. "Over 500 villages are facing a drinking water crisis and

steps have been taken to tackle it. At the same time, a flood-like situation prevails in some districts," he added.

Prof MB Rajegowda, former registrar of the University of Agricultural Sciences, said while the deficit has come down in South Interior Karnataka (1%) and Coastal Karnataka (5%), it is more in Malnad (25%). North Interior Karnataka received excess rain. The rain deficit in June is now being compensated and in the next few days, good showers are expected. Sowing could be done till August 1," he added.

Kabini almost full, inflows to KRS up

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@ Mysuru

THE Kabini reservoir is almost full following heavy rain in the Wayanad region of Kerala, shooting up the reservoir level to 2,281.27 ft as against the maximum of 2,284 ft.

With the increase in inflows to 25,685 cusecs, irrigation department officials tracking inflows at the Balavi gauging station on the Karnataka-Kerala borders have increased discharge to 20,000 cusecs. This would be a great relief to Tamil Nadu, which had shot off a letter to the Cauvery Water Management Authority asking it to order Karnataka to release its quota of water for June and July.

The Karnataka government had said that it could not release water because of the



Water level increases at KRS reservoir after heavy rain in Mandya on Tuesday.

scanty rainfall in the state. But with bountiful showers over the last few days in the Kabini and Cauvery catchments, water can now be released.

Boating facilities between DB Kuppe and villages across the border in Kerala have been stopped as the river is flowing over the danger mark. The Bidarahalli bridge in Beechana-

halli is also flooded affecting normal life. Authorities have appealed to the people living in low-lying areas to move to safer places as the outflows could be increased anytime.

The heavy rainfall has also hit normal life in villages of HD Kote and Saragur taluks that fall on the fringes of the forest and are situated along the state border.

Meanwhile, heavy rain in Kodagu and Hemavathi catchments has increased the water level at KRS Dam to 103 ft as against the maximum of 124 ft with an inflow of 50,300 cusecs and an outflow of 5,400 cusecs. The inflow is likely to increase further if rain continues in Kodagu, Chikkamagaluru and Hassan districts. Irrigation Department officials have discharged 20,000 cusecs from the Harangi reservoir.

FACETS OF FINANCE

AGRICULTURE, IRRIGATION, EDUCATION NEGLECTED IN BUDGET

BASAVARAJ BOMMAI

EVEN as Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is claiming to have tabled the budget for a record number of times, the budget is bereft of any initiatives to propel the growth of Karnataka. Instead, the budget has all the ingredients to reverse the state's growth heralded by the previous BJP government.

In his attempt to provide funds for the "Guarantee" schemes, the chief minister has not made any provisions for the crucial government departments. He has not even earmarked funds for the development of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

No priority for agriculture

This year's budget lacks focus on agriculture and instead



adopts an anti-farmer policy. The BJP government had earmarked a whopping Rs 9,456 crore for agriculture which has been reduced to Rs 5,860 crore by the Siddaramaiah government. The budget has dropped popular and pro-people programmes such as Raitha Vidya Nidhi, Raitha Shakti and Bhoo Siri Schemes, all launched by the BJP government. More importantly, the Rs 180-crore Jeevan Jyothi insurance scheme, which benefits 56 lakh

small farmers, has also been dropped by the Congress government.

It is significant to note that as many as 4,247 farmers ended their lives when Siddaramaiah was the chief minister during 2013-18.

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for the construction of toilets in schools and now it is brought under NREGA. As a result, no progress can be achieved on this front.

The decision to do away with the National Education Policy is suicidal for the future of state. Five engineering colleges which were upgraded as IIT will lose their prestigious status. This will cause huge injustice to students.

Stree Samarthya Yojane and Sanjeevini Yojane meant for the benefit of women and child welfare have been dropped. While it was claimed that Gruha Lakshmi, one of the guarantees of the Congress government requires Rs 30,000 crore, the budget makes provision only for Rs 24,000 crore, raising doubts about the government's commitment to implement its promise.

The BJP government had earmarked Rs 5,000 crore to Kalyana Karnataka. Given the increased budget size, at least Rs. 7,000 crore should have been earmarked for the development of the region. Given the Congress track record, the funds earmarked for development have never been used.

The budget does not make any reference to the Kittur Karnataka Development Board proposed by the Bommai government.

While Karnataka tops the country in implementation of NREGA, the Siddaramaiah government has cut down the grants to the RDPR department from Rs 20,000 crore to Rs 18,000 crore. There has been a reduction in the funds earmarked for Grama Panchayats, which stands testimony to

the state government's neglect of rural areas.

SCP-TSP money diverted to guarantee schemes

The state government itself has admitted that it needs Rs 57,000 crore for implementing the five guarantees. However, the government is now struggling to get funds for these freebies, despite hiking excise duty and other taxes. Now, the government is taking the illegal route to fund its guarantees. More than Rs 13,000 crore reserved under SCP-TSP project in various departments has been diverted to implement guarantees. This amounts to a huge injustice for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

(The author is former chief minister of Karnataka and senior leader of BJP)

Form No. UR-C-2

Advertisement giving notice about registration under Part I of Chapter XXI

[Pursuant to section 374(f) of the companies Act, 2013 and rule 4(1) of the companies (Authorised to Register) Rules, 2013]

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of sub-section 2(d) of section 366 of the Companies Act, 2013, an application has been made to the Registrar at Bangalore, Karnataka that GBC NTEK a partnership firm may be registered under Part I of Chapter XXI of the Companies Act 2013, as a company limited by shares.

The principal objects of the company are as follows:

To operate on the marketplace based model of e-commerce by providing an information service to the users of the mobile and internet network to act as facilitator between third party buyers and sellers and deal in all kinds of internet/intranet/Extranet and any other future avenue for business using e-commerce payment services, e-wallets, money on its own, cash card, payment gateways services, issuer of prepaid (semi-closed systems instruments) and postpaid payment instruments, including carrying on the business of Mobile Android/iOS based e-commerce, e-wallets, money on its own for pre-paid and post-paid mobile users to check their main business and data, recharge e-wallet, providing Application based or service e-Wallet to carry the credit card or card information in a digital form in mobile device.

To carry on the business of issue, servicing and dealing in all kinds of payment products, payment systems, remittances and money transfer services, to act as an agent or in collaboration, association or tie-up with Banks or other organizations, identifying and entering into an agreement with any shop, store, restaurant and any other merchant to provide services, to provide money remittance services or any other payment service and to provide and engage in all businesses as may be related or ancillary to the aforesaid business.

To carry on, implement, undertake, offer, distribute or otherwise promote such services including but not limited to issuance of a mobile prepaid or digital wallet and provide payment solutions through mobile phone and physical services such as bill collection, money remittances, bill pay, online and retail merchants receiving payments, offer services to end consumers directly and via retail network; and to provide and to engage in all businesses as may be related or ancillary to the business areas as may be decided by the board from time to time.

To provide services, management and consultancy in the field of prepaid and postpaid payment services, electronic and virtual payment systems, transaction processing and to act as dealers distributors, agents, representatives of India and foreign concerns/persons operating in the line of payment services, to provide money remittance services, and allied activities related thereto and to operate as a bill payment gateway/bill payment gateway service provider in accordance with applicable law including, inter alia, the Information Technology Act, 2008 (BPOU) under the Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) guidelines to provide bill payment services for utility bills/school university fees, Municipal Taxes and for other services may be notified by the relevant authority from time to time.

A copy of the draft memorandum and articles of association of the proposed company may be inspected at the office at No. 14, Whitley Compound, Whitefield Main Road, Bangalore - 560066.

Notice is hereby given that any person objecting to this application may communicate their objection in writing to the Registrar at Bangalore, Karnataka, within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, with a copy to the company at its registered office.

Dated This Wednesday 26th of July 2023.

Name(s) of Applicant
1. CHALASANI VENKATESWARA Rao
2. CHALASANI PADMAVATHI
Partner

7	1) BORROWER (S) : A) GP Prakash and Mamatha DP	1) Rs. 1,23,97,952.01 plus further interest & charges 2) Physical 3) Rs. 78,00,000/- EMD : Rs.7,80,000/-	1) 25.08.2023 before 04.00 p.m 2) 209272946 3) CNRB0010441 4) Rs.50,000/-	1. 28.08.2023 2. 11.00AM to 12:00PM 3. 24.08.2023 between 03.00 pm to 5.00 p.m
	2) Canara Bank- DVG Road II Branch. Mob. 9449860047.			
	Description of the immovable property - Residential Property Flat No. 202, Second Floor, Aries Lake View CMC Katha No 460, Jakkur Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore 560064 and bounded on the: East by : Land Acquired by BDA, West by : Land of a Ramakka W/o Subbaiah, North by : Road and South by : Road.			
8	1) BORROWER (S) : A) VINAY.S S/O SAMPIGER V.N : #G 540 1st Main 5th Cross, Central Township Hal, Bangalore-560037.	1) Rs. 75,19,012.62 plus further interest & charges 2) Physical 3) Rs. 55,00,000/- EMD : Rs.5,50,000/-	1) 25.08.2023 before 04.00 p.m 2) 209272946 3) CNRB0010409 4) Rs.50,000/-	1. 28.08.2023 2. 11.00AM to 12:00PM 3. 24.08.2023 between 03.00 pm to 5.00 p.m
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9	1) BORROWER (S) : A) /S GRB Associates, Represented by proprietrix Mrs Jaxmina R, Old No:1709A, New No 27/1, Balaji Complex, Prakasha Nagar, Dr.Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar, Bangalore - 560021.	1) Rs.1,22,76,916.74 plus further interest & charges 2) Physical 3) Rs. 83,74,000/- EMD : Rs.8,37,400/-	1) 25.08.2023 before 04.00 p.m 2) 209272946 3) CNRB0010409 4) Rs.50,000/-	1. 28.08.2023 2. 11.00AM to 12:00PM 3. 24.08.2023 between 03.00 pm to 5.00 p.m
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10	1) BORROWER (S) : A) M/s Baithul Haram International Tours & Travels, Having office at No.61, 8th Cross, 1st Main, Someshwarnagar, 1st Block Jayanagar, Bangalore 560011 and 1. Afrozulla Baig, A.R Residency, 10 1, 15th Cross, 8th Main, Jayanagar, Bengaluru 560027. 2. Asma Banu W/o Afrozulla Baig, 228/6/1, Ground Floor, 11th main, 12th Cross, Wilson Garden, Bengaluru 560027(Guarantors).	1) Rs.2,25,63,189.00 plus further interest & charges 2) Physical 3) Mentioned Each Property Below.	1) 11.08.2023 before 04.00 p.m 2) 209272946 3) CNRB0001371 4) Rs.50,000/-	1. 14.08.2023 2. 11.00 am to 12.00 pm 3. 10.08.2023 between 3.00 am to5.00 noon
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	Description of Immoveable property - Nature of Security : Residential Flats(2)in OCEANUS VIOLA Apartment, Sy No. 594, New No. 1034/1A, 1 Floor, Sarjapur Village, Bangalore 1. Flat No 102 with Carpet area of 798 Sft and undivided share of 266 sft: 1064 sft Super Built Area. Reserve Price : Rs. 26,33,000/- EMD : Rs. 2,63,300/- 2. Flat No 103 with Carpet area of 798 Sft and undivided share of 266 sft: 1064 sft. Super Built Area. Reserve Price : Rs. 26,33,000/- EMD : Rs. 2,63,300/-			
Flats will be sold on individual basis also.				
11	1) BORROWER (S) : 1) Mr. Roysten Adarsh Serrao S/o Shri. Wilfred Serrao 2) Sri Wilfred Serrao (Co-obligant and GPA Holder of Roysten Adarsh Serrao) S/o Lawrence Serrao, No 10, 9th Main, 7th cross, Gangamma Nilaya, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru - 560010	1) Rs. 65,58,950.93 plus further interest & charges 2) Physical 3) Rs.53,50,000/- EMD : Rs.5,35,000/-	1) 25.08.2023 before 04.00 p.m 2) 209272946 3) CNRB0010652 4) Rs.50,000/-	1. 28.08.2023 2. 11.00AM to 12:00PM 3. 24.08.2023 between 03.00 pm to 5.00 p.m
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	Description of the immovable property - Schedule A Property : All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing converted Survey No: 3, (Converted vide order no A.L.N(E)/SR(KRU.HO) 181/2008-09 dated 25-06-2009, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Dist., Bangalore), Present BBMP Katha No. 109, situated at Seegehalli Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, totally measuring 0.11.08 (Eleven & Half) Guntas, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on: East by : Road, West by : Remaining portion in the same Survey No: 3, North by : Remaining portion in the same Survey No: 3, South by : Road. Schedule B Property : (Description of undivided share in the Schedule A property agreed to be sold). 397 square feet of undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership on land of the Schedule "A" property including proportionate share of common areas and other common rights. Schedule C Property : (Description of Apartment). A Two bedroom Apartment/Flat bearing Flat No: 005 in the Ground floor, in the residential complex known as "CASAFELIZ" constructed on the Schedule A property, measuring super built up area of about 1450 square feet, which is inclusive of floors, ceiling and walls and including proportionate share of all common areas staircase, lifts, open space and other common rights, together with one car parking space in Basement floor and with 397 square feet of undivided share of interest in the Schedule "A" property.			
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Authorized Officer Canara Bank				



KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-TENDER NOTICE
Tender No : T.No.58/2023-24/SE/Q

AMRUT 2.0 - Augmentation of WSS to Kollam Corporation-Extension of distribution system for a total of 30 Kms in various zones using PVC pipes, including road restoration charges (Phase 2), EMD : Rs. 200000; Tender fee: Rs. 11025+1985; Last Date for submitting Tender : 24-08-2023, 02:00pm; Phone : 04742745293
Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in
KWA-JB-GL-6-843-2023-24

Superintending Engineer
PH Circle, Kollam



KARNATAKA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
No.49, "Parisara Bhavana", 1st to 5th Floor, Church Street, Bengaluru - 560 001, Karnataka, INDIA.
Ph: 25581383, 25589112, 25586520 Fax: 080-25586321
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No. PCB/MWC-2/35/BMW/CBMWTF/2023-24/2160 Date: 25/07/2023
ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTIFICATION

M/s. Rural Development Foundation B.V.V. Sangha (Common Bio Medical Waste Treatment Facility), Bagalkot have proposed to expand the existing capacity of Common Bio Medical Waste Treatment Facility from 50 kg/hr to 200 Kg/hr by installing 150 kg/hr incinerator and other allied facilities at Sy. No. 29/1, 2, 3, 30/1, 2, 3, 33, 35 and 36 of Old APMC Yard, Near City Municipal Solid Waste Handling Facility, Bagalkot-587101. As Per Environment Impact Assessment Notification dated: 14.09.2006 and Amendment dated: 01.12.2009, the project Proponent has to obtain prior Environmental Clearance from the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority(SLEIAA), Karnataka and is required to go through Environmental Public Hearing process. As per the Terms of Reference letter No. SEIAA 21 IND 2022, dt. 11.07.2022 and request letter of the project proponent dated: 06.06.2023, the Environmental Public Hearing is being conducted by KSPCB.

The details of the project are as follows:

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- 5. Places of availability of project documents as per EIA Notification, which is kept open to public are:** (a) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkot District, Bagalkot. (b) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Bagalkot. (c) District Industries Centre, Bagalkot District. (d) Office of the Regional Officer, Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bagalkot. (e) Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change South Zone Office, E-3/240, Kendriya Sadan, 4th Floor, E&F Wings, 17th Main Road, 2nd Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru – 560 034. (f) HLP DESK, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Ground Floor, No.49, Parisara Bhavan, Church Street, Bengaluru – 560 001.

NOTE: Suggestions, views, comments and objections of interested bonafide residents, environmental groups and others located at project site and likely to be affected by the proposed project are invited within 30 days from the date of publication of this Notification to make oral/written/E-Mail suggestions to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board/Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee (Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkot District). Interested public can participate in the Public Hearing at the above place. For details please visit our Website: kspcb.karnataka.gov.in



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SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE
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Whereas
The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

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The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date : July 26, 2023
Place : Bangalore

Authorized Officer
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PUBLIC NOTICE RESIDENTIAL BUILDING FOR SALE
NOTICE OF TENDR CUM PUBLIC AUCTION

The Bank is proposed to sell its Residential Building property bearing No.7, PID No.36-50-7, situated at 1st Cross, Timmenahalli, now Govindarajanagar, BBMP Ward No.(36)104, Bengaluru, measuring East to West towards North:21 feet, towards South:31.6 feet and North to South towards East:45 feet, towards West:45 feet, totally measuring 1181.25 sq.ft. and the RCC Roofed House consisting of Ground Floor, measuring 995 sq.ft, First Floor, measuring 700 sq.ft and Second Floor, measuring 700 sq.ft. Totally measuring 2395 sq.ft. Having red oxide flooring and jungle wood and bounded on:East by 3 Feet Common Passage, West by 2nd Main Road, North by Property belongs to G. Obalappa, South by 5th Cross Road.

Bank under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rules 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 and the bank had declared the amount of the respondent as Non Banking Assets on 24.03.06/15 to 13(A) and (5B) of the SARFAESI Act and Board Meeting dated **15.04.2023**, letter No.SLMSBN/35/2023-24 has also approved for the sale.

The Schedule property will be sold by TENDR CUM PUBLIC AUCTION. The terms and conditions of the sale can be had from Manager of the Bank, during working hours, between **10.00AM to 5.30P.M.**

(a)Tender forms can be obtained: From the bank: Form 01.08.2023 to 30.08.2023
(b)Minimum tender bid shall be Not Less than:Rs.1,20,00,000.-00.
(c)EMD to file tender:Rs.12,00,000.-00
(d)Last Date to file tender's from 30.08.2023 at 11.00 A.M.
(e)Date, Time and place of (i) Public Auction on 31.08.2023 at 12.30 P.M. (ii) Public Auction: Immediately after the opening of Tender's in the Bank.

The Sale is subject to terms and conditions of tender cum public auction printed on over leaf of tender cum public auction Form.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AUCTION

- The Property will not be sold below the Reserve Price.
- The amount of EMD mentioned above shall be paid by way of Pay Order/DD/Banker's cheque drawn in favour of **"Sri Lakshmi Mahila Sahakara Bank Niyamitha"**, Bangalore-4 on or before **5.00 P.M. On 30-08-2023** along with tender/offler letter for purchase of the property in a sealed cover (EMD of the unsuccessful bidder will be returned without interest)
- The offer/tender letter shall be accompanied with attested copy of the PAN Card and photo identity of the bidder/offler with residential address proof.
- The sealed tenders will be opened by the Authorized Officer of the Bank in the presence of the bidders/ tenderers (who may like to be present) on **31.08.2023** at 12-30 P.M. The Authorized officer is at liberty to give an opportunity to bid or enhance the offer by the bidders or accept the highest bid amount or reject/postpone the sale of the property at his discretion without assigning any reason therefor.
- Successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the final bid amount (including EMD) immediately on the sale being knocked down in his favour and the balance sale price has to be remitted within 30 days from the date of confirmation of sale or any other date as may be specified by the Authorized Officer.
- The successful bidder shall bear all the legal/incidental expenses towards stamp duty, registration charges local taxes, power and water charges etc.,
- On confirmation of sale by the Bank and upon compliance of terms of payment, the Authorized officer shall issue the sale certificate in the name of the Purchaser only in the Form in Appendix V of the Security Interest(Enforcement) Rules-2002.
- The Bank reserves the right to forfeit the amounts already remitted by the bidder if he fails to remit the balance sale price within 30 days or any other date as specified by the Authorized Officer.
- The Bank will not be responsible for any charge, lien, encumbrance or any other dues to the Government or any claim of any person in respect of the property being sold.
- The bidder may inspect the property and verify the documents/title deeds available with the Bank with prior intimation and satisfy themselves before submitting the tender (Ph.No.080 26614794).

Place: Bangalore
Date :24.07.2023

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Sri Lakshmi Mahila Sahakara Bank Niyamitha, Bangalore



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APPENDIX-IV-A
[See proviso to rule 8(6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Asset under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the Public in general and the Borrowers/Mortgagor in particular that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS"basis on **16.08.2023** for recovery of **Rs.73,91,858/-** (Rupees Seventy Three Lakh Ninety One Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Eight only) as on 19.07.2023 and interest from 20.07.2023 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. due to the State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru from Borrower **M/s SS Industries Prop: Sri.G. Nanjundappa**.
The Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposit and Bid Increment Amount will be as under:-

Property No.	Reserve Price (below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid increment amount
1	Rs. 19,21,000/-	Rs. 1,92,100/-	Rs. 20,000.00



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— Ramnath Goenka

TESLA GOOD TO COME BACK, BUT ON A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD

Tesla officials are all set to reopen talks with commerce minister Piyush Goyal to produce low-cost electric vehicles (EVs) in India. The Elon Musk company, known for its pioneering EVs and high-end expensive models, has seen the price-conscious Indian reality, and this time around, is pitching to make cars starting at ₹20 lakh. This is a huge and welcome comedown from its earlier plans to import and market its base Model 3 at about ₹60 lakh. Tesla's 'low-cost' perspective is no concession to India but a U-turn in its own policy. The new policy hinges on bringing down the cost of Tesla's models by up to 50% to ramp up volume and meet competition from other EV makers.

If Tesla begins manufacturing in India, it will boost both employment and the EV sector. However, Elon Musk's badgering for India to bend the rules to accommodate Tesla's demands should not be forgotten. After months of push-and-pull, Tesla decided to abandon its India plans last year after the government made it clear it would not relax its import duty structure for fully imported units. Tesla wanted to import its models from its Shanghai factory to test the market, insisting on a 40% duty compared to the generally applicable 60% for models priced below ₹40 lakh.

The Union government rightly told off Musk that its import policies were made to encourage investment in India, and Tesla building an assembly plant to knock together imported models gave no benefit to the country. The Tesla story has now revived after Elon Musk met Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the latter's recent visit to the US in June.

Meanwhile, India's EV market is just 2% of the overall automobile market, but it is expanding rapidly. It also offers considerable choices from high-end BMWs at ₹1.2 crore to the popular Tata Nexon EV at ₹14.5 lakh, or even an MG Comet at ₹8 lakh. Tesla will be pitching for a period of imports before setting up complete manufacturing in India. It will also want other concessions like cheap land. However, the commerce minister must ensure a level playing field between Tesla and the other domestic and foreign EV-makers. After all, Tesla's pioneering days are over, and it is one among many—and that too in the luxe category.

TREAT STUDENTS GENTLY TO PREVENT SUICIDES

Last week's death by suicide on a Bengaluru college campus of a B Tech student who was caught with a mobile during an exam has led to public uproar. Aditya Prabhu's suicide is not the first. But what set it apart was the heart-wrenching story of his mother waiting for him in the college lobby while he lay dead not far away. And poignant was her social media account of an insensitive university administration and harassment by the invigilator. A Class 7 girl similarly died by suicide last week, again due to bullying by school teachers. There are many cases of young children ending their lives due to academic pressure, harassment by teachers and sometimes parents, besides a sense of isolation, abuse, violence, family issues and mental disorders.

Though the jury is out on Aditya's case, there is already considerable backlash against the college authorities for having taunted him into taking such an impulsive step. The inadvertent or wilful act of carrying a mobile to the exam centre cannot be reason enough to humiliate a youngster, especially in public. Institutions should be mindful that they are temples of learning meant for the holistic development of young minds. College authorities should also be sensitive to the confusion and vulnerabilities of the tumultuous teenage years. Counselling students for errant behaviour is far better than driving fear into them.

Dying by suicide was once considered a rare and extreme step but is increasingly becoming common. Shockingly, even pre-teens are ending their lives. Data from the National Crime Records Bureau (2021) states that over 13,000 students died by suicide in India, with Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu comprising most of these deaths. Academic pressure is one of the main reasons for deaths by suicide in top professional colleges like IITs and IIMs, and the coaching classes of Kota in Rajasthan have now become synonymous with suicide.

Of late, the reasons are becoming more unpredictable: social media and peer approval have become major factors, and even parents reprimanding students for poor grades or depriving them of mobile phones lead to suicide. The trend raises a pertinent question: Are our brave new generations too sensitive, and is social media turning them fragile? It is left to parents and society to reassure young minds that every problem has a solution, and it's certainly not suicide.

QUICK TAKE

BEYOND ENGLISH AND HINDI

The CBSE allows schools to use 22 Indian languages as mediums of instruction alongside Hindi and English. The UGC expects these students to continue their higher education in the same mediums. That's a massive national exercise, simultaneously arranging for teachers, textbooks, exams and evaluations in many languages. The next challenge is bigger: to ensure that the graduates stand as much chance as their English counterparts in the job market. That must see the government tie up with industry to make regional language literacy a draw for jobs, especially in Tier-2 and beyond, in content creation, retail, e-commerce, healthcare, agri-tech, micro-finance, food processing and hospitality.

The atrocious visual of two women being paraded naked in Manipur is a testimony of not only the abject failure of law and order in the state but also the collapse of the moral compass in society. What have been paraded are not merely the bare bodies and dignity of the unfortunate victims of the communal frenzy that has taken over 'the little paradise' called Manipur.

They also reveal the humiliation and agony of a besieged population caught in an orchestrated violence rooted in a manufactured 'hill-valley' divide, a schism created by both the colonial and the post-colonial Indian State, and duly exploited by the vested interests, particularly by the politicians and ethno-nationalist forces, often in cahoots with one another.

As expected of a conflict situation, the degradation and trauma of these two women are being sought to be appropriated and exploited by those who thrive on the divide to serve their own agendas, including the need for self-aggrandisement of some busy-bodies from outside the state who, wittingly or unwittingly, work with the divisive and sectarian forces to sharpen the polarisation in the state.

It is a well-known fact that women—their bodies and sexuality—are often the sites of violent conflicts. History has enough evidence of that truth: from the violence of the Partition in South Asia to ethnic cleansing in Serbia and Rwanda and riots in Gujarat to those cases of 'comfort women' during the Second World War.

Rooted in the familiar patriarchal ethos that sexualises the woman, she has been 'reduced' to her vagina, which is propagated as 'something' that is either to be 'possessed' or 'protected' by the man and community.

Subsequently, people act as if the 'honour' of the individual women and their communities are in their vaginas. Thus, during the group clashes, women often become targets of sexual assault. Not only that, sexual attacks on them are also often 'weaponised' in conflict.

The horrific images of the two victims of 'gender-based violence' unfailingly demonstrate that there is a deep-rooted patriarchal attitude towards women in Manipur, irrespective of the familiar eulogy on the place and role of women in the state. Indeed, this appalling act of parading those two women naked by the violent mob in Manipur only affirms that truth.

Unfortunately, given that abominable pa-

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MANIPUR WOMEN CAUGHT IN A HOBBSIAN WORLD

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triarchal ethos tends to raise its ugly head during violent group clashes, this terrible incident is not likely to be the only case of sexual assault in the present carnage in Manipur. In fact, reports suggest that there are, and could be, many more cases of 'gender-based violence' across communities in this unending mayhem.

However, irrespective of how pervasive this patriarchal ethos is in society, such acts need to be reined in. That is what civilisation and ethical and lawful life demand. Such heinous acts are not only appalling and condemnable but also illegal under the existing domestic and global legal regimes, including international covenants related to wartime conduct.

Unfortunately however, instead of focusing on 'gender-based violence' and calling out the abominable patriarchal ethos and acts, there have been attempts to use the miseries of these women to demonise community, deepen the polarisation and aggravate the ongoing violence in the state.

To say the least, such efforts do injustice to the victims of sexual assault in particular and women in general by diluting the gender-specific nature of the violence in conflict.

The other side of the sexual assaults on women in conflict situations is the use of the victims' misery to demonise the 'other' who have violated (the 'honour' of) 'our'

CHIMERA OR REALITY: RUPEE AS AN INTERNATIONAL CURRENCY

TULSI JAYAKUMAR



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on food and drinks for my fortnight stay in the US. I carry \$1000 to the US, only to realise that with the rupee appreciating to ₹85 to a dollar, I am left with only ₹964 for food. If I had been able to pay in my own currency, such a situation would not arise. Similarly, Indian firms can access international financial markets without exposing themselves to foreign exchange rate risks,



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Any currency, including the rupee, is supposed to perform four functions domestically. These are summarised in a mnemonic rhyme from older economics texts: "Money is a matter of functions four: a medium, a measure, a standard and a store"

since they may borrow in dollars and repay in rupees. Better access to international financial markets would also result in lower cost of capital.

Internationalising the rupee would offer strong benefits to the Indian government as well: it need not hold large amounts of foreign exchange reserves in the form of multiple currencies in order to manage external sector vulnerabilities. Currently, 88.7% of the foreign exchange reserves held by the Reserve Bank of India is in the form of foreign currency assets (FCAs), including currencies such as the dollar, Chinese Renminbi (RMB), euro, etc. Such FCAs earn no interest for the government, and yet have to be held as a cushion against exchange rate volatility and to balance our Balance of Payments.

However, it is not that such internationalisation would have no costs. Case in point is the concern raised by economist Robert

Triffin in 1960 to the US Congress. Triffin argued that as the US ran large trade deficits, a steady stream of dollars would find its way to the rest of the world and fuel world economic growth. However, the resultant glut of dollars would erode the confidence in the currency and thus pose a threat to it as the international reserve currency.

India has witnessed a variant of the Triffin dilemma in its oil trade with Russia in the last year. As the oil trade between India and Russia surged in 2022-23, it led to a massive Indian trade deficit with Russia worth \$43 billion, as its imports (worth \$49.35 billion) far exceeded its exports (at \$3.14 billion). The glut in the Indian rupees in Russian banks has created issues of how Russia could use the currency. The internationalisation of the rupee may also accentuate external shocks that get transmitted to the domestic economy due to the open flow of funds into and out of the country and from one currency to another.

Despite such costs, the case for internationalisation of the rupee is strong due to the large potential benefits for the government as well as resident Indians. In fact, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in a paper in 2011 identified the Indian rupee as one of the five emerging market currencies, which had the potential for internationalisation due to the significant regional importance and economic weight that India carried.

A starting point would be to encourage a large number of bilateral swaps and Lines of Credit for settling international trade transactions with its large trade partners. The government may encourage such bilateral swaps through specific trade policies, enabling the development of financial market infrastructure and fiscal incentives. At the same time, policy makers would also need to ensure price stability so as to sustain confidence in the rupee's long-term purchasing power and provide the necessary pull for foreign players to accept the rupee in such transactions. Ultimately, it boils down to whether or not the rupee would be able to perform the four functions efficiently internationally!

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Beauty in things exists in the mind which contemplates them

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Saudi revolution

The column *Moderate Ideology: The Silent Saudi revolution* (July 25) gives one a glimpse of the reforms underway in the kingdom, which have the potential to change the cultural outlook of the Saudis by exposing them to liberalism. That the transformation is more out of an economic necessity than a moral conviction may raise a question on the long-term stability of this change. One hopes the changes in Saudi Arabia will have a sobering effect on extremist elements in India.

Hemanth Bhide, Mangaluru

INDIA's agenda

Ref: *Relay protest as RS suspends AAP member* (July 25). If INDIA is truly interested in a debate on Manipur in Parliament, they must not put pre-conditions like asking PM Modi to make a statement, etc. Perhaps they feel the outcome will be against them.

K R Venkata Narasimhan, Madurai

Manipur mysteries

Ref: *End Manipur violence or forget acting East* (July 25). Yes, violence should have been stopped at the start itself. But who started the violence and what was the reason behind it? Also, when the incident of the Kuki women being paraded naked happened in May, it has been revealed now, just before the Parliament session. If the article had touched on such facts, it would have been a great eye-opener.

Mani, email

Peace needed

Manipur needs peace. Action against the offenders is a must, and this will be a lesson for others too. The violence against women and children needs to be ended. The government and police should take just and unbiased actions against the offenders without supporting any group.

Rajesh S, Coimbatore

Congress' decisions

Should the Congress be so magnanimous as to invite Pinarayi Vijayan as the chief guest for Oomen Chandy's condolence meeting? After all, Vijayan's party was at the forefront of a no-holds-barred attack on Chandy during the solar scandal and was instrumental in the appointment of a commission of enquiry against him. Chandy was subjected to untold misery during the trial and was later exonerated. How is it that the Congress party conveniently forgets this?

C M Umanath, Calicut

Teething troubles

Ref: *Teething Problems* (July 25). It's sad that there are "no takers" for dental courses because of a bleak career path. To find a competent dentist and cost-worthy treatment, one has to hunt with a needle in a haystack.

S Lakshminarayan, Hyderabad



Piyush Goyal @PiyushGoyal
Doesn't calling itself INDIA reflect the arrogance of the opposition's 'India is India, India is India' mentality?



Priyanka Gandhi Vadra @priyankagandhi
The spirit of the Constitution is at the core of INDIA. Employment to youth, relief from inflation, prosperity of every section, welfare of farmers-labourers, security to women, unity, love and peace is a positive agenda.



Aaditya Thackeray @AThackeray
Shrih Kanekar will always be remembered as a writer who enriched the readers with his witty writings and sometimes even made them laugh.

Oppn members continue relay protest in House

INDIA MPs take turns to stage sit-in against Sanjay Singh's suspension from Rajya Sabha

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

THE members of the united opposition, INDIA, continued their relay protest on Tuesday demanding revocation of suspension of Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) MP Sanjay Singh from Rajya Sabha.

Singh, along with other opposition MPs, has been sitting in protest before the Gandhi statue in the Parliament complex after his suspension on Monday. The protesting MPs, along with Sanjay Singh, could be seen holding 'Save Manipur' placards, with the Opposition insisting that Prime Minister Narendra Modi should make a statement on Manipur before any discussion on the issue.

Trinamool Congress' Rajya Sabha MP Sushmita Dev said the Opposition MPs have been taking turns to sit on the dharna. Speaking in this newspaper, Dev said that the INDIA allies will continue the sit-in protest until the suspension is revoked.

"We have made a roster for two-hour turns. We can't miss the proceedings of the House also. Still, all the members ensure that at least 10 members will be present throughout the day and night," said Dev.

Supriya Sule of NCP, A Raja of DMK, Congress leader in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, Manoj Jha of RJD, NK Premachandran of RSP, Gaurav Gogoi (Congress), Rajiv Ranjan Singh Lallan of JDU, and Elamaram Kareem (CPM) and A M Ariff (CPM) were among the leaders who sat in the protest.

Earlier on Tuesday, the alliance party leaders met at Leader of Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge's chamber and decided to continue the protest till Singh's suspension is revoked.

Singh was suspended from the Upper House for the rest of the monsoon session by chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar for repeatedly 'violating' the directives of the chair, while protesting on the Manipur issue. Now the MP cannot attend the rest of the session.

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Elamaram Kareem, Rajya Sabha MP

The decision to hold a day-and-night sit-in protest was taken immediately after Singh's suspension, said Kareem. "We have met the Rajya Sabha chairman and requested him to revoke the suspension. Even Kharge spoke to the chairman about it. But, no action was taken. The decision to hold a relay protest was taken by leaders of all parties," said Kareem. The opposition's goal is to keep focus on the Manipur issue, said another leader.

"All Sanjay Singh was asking was a statement from the PM. We demand to revoke his suspension. It is time for the PM to speak on the Manipur issue as it's a constitutional crisis," said the leader. Both Houses of Parliament have not been functioning over the Manipur issue.

CO-OP SOCIETIES BILL AMENDED IN LOK SABHA

Lok Sabha on Tuesday passed the Multi-State Cooperative Societies (Amendment) Bill, which seeks to strengthen cooperatives by making their functioning more transparent, introducing a system of regular elections and banning appointment of related persons. The bill seeks to establish a 'Cooperative Election Authority' to introduce electoral reforms in the sector. It will consist of a chairperson, vice-chairperson and members not exceeding three to be appointed by the Centre.

KERALA'S REQUEST FOR AIIMS NOT APPROVED

The Kerala government's proposal for setting up four AIIMS in the state has not yet been approved, the Rajya Sabha was informed Tuesday. Minister of State for Health Bharati Pravin Pawar, replying to a query from Kerala MP John Brittas, said that Kerala has proposed four sites for the establishment of new AIIMS. She said under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana, AIIMS are being set up across the country in a phased manner.

CENTRE SETS UP 95 NELS SKILL CENTRES

The Central government has set up 95 National Emergency Life Support (NELS) skill centres, out of the 120 sanctioned, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya told Rajya Sabha on Tuesday. He said that under the Central scheme — Human Resource Development of Emergency Medical Services — the Central and state government medical colleges and autonomous institutions are considered for setting up of NELS skill centres.

MIN: NO SHORTAGE OF PAEDIATRIC ARV DRUG

There is no reported shortage of paediatric Anti-Retroviral (ARV) medicine in the country, Rajya Sabha told Tuesday. "There is no difference in the composition of the adult and paediatric ARV medicine, except the quantity of active ingredients of compounds in manufacturing as per the approved technical specifications under the programme," Minister of State for Health Satya Pal Singh Baghel said, adding, "There is no reported shortage of the drug."

POWER CORRIDOR



DMK MPs T Sumathy and A Raja after paying tribute to former speaker Somnath Chatterjee on his birth anniversary in Parliament on Tuesday | PTI

BIODIVERSITY AMENDMENT BILL PASSED

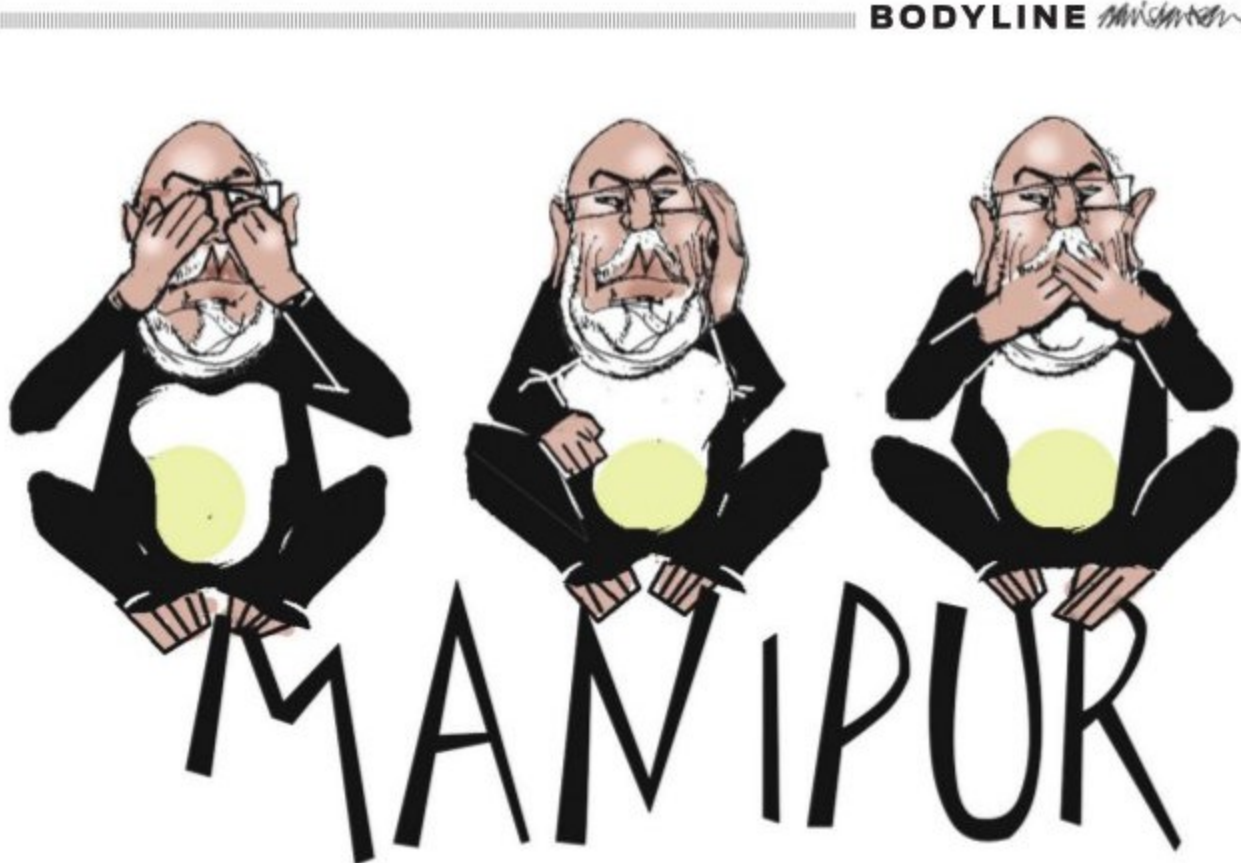
The Lok Sabha has passed the Biological Diversity (Amendment) Bill 2021, to promote commercialisation of Indian medicine systems and cultivation of wild medicinal plants and foreign investment in the sector. The amendments replace punishments with penalty, reduce the say of local people, and bring ambiguities in different amendments that may promote bio-piracy. India has been the target of bio-piracy as Indian products like neem, turmeric, tamarind, basmati and Darjeeling tea were patented by foreign firms for commercial exploitation. The Union environment minister Bhupendra Yadav said that this bill intends to promote ease of doing business and research, cooperation and innovation.

'AMEND RULES ON PVT ANTIQUITY COLLECTION'

To ensure that a huge private collection of antiquities is available for general public at state-run facilities, a parliamentary standing committee has recommended changes in the rules that allow the owners of objects of cultural heritage to either lend or trade the artefact to a museum. The panel, in its 348th report tabled in the House, noted that if one intends to sell off an article, the government should have a preemptive overriding right to buy.

MERI MAATI, MERA DESH TO BE LAUNCHED IN AUG

Installation of memorial plaques dedicated to freedom fighters and martyrs at water bodies, group selfies with soil in hands and plantation of indigenous species are among the activities proposed during the 'Meri Maati, Mera Desh' campaign to be launched by the ministries of culture and information & broadcasting in August. The week-long programme, to be held at block, panchayat and village levels, will begin on August 9.



BODYLINE

Govt aims to revive 26mn hectares of forest land by 2030

SV KRISHNA CHAITANYA @ Chennai

INDIA has set an ambitious target to restore 26 million hectares of forest land and create 2.53 billion tonnes of additional carbon sinks, said Bivash Ranjan, additional director general of forests (ADGF), Union Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, on the eve of the fourth meeting of the G20 Environment and Climate Sustainability Working Group in Chennai.

'Land degradation, ecosystem restoration, biodiversity and water resources' is one of three thematic priorities of the fourth working group, which was underway on Tuesday and attended by a record number of delegates. Its ministerial meeting scheduled on July 28 will be attended by 225 delegates.

Replying to a question from *The New Indian Express*, Bivash Ranjan said 27 per cent of India's forest area is impacted by wild forest fires and the natural regeneration was not happening. Also, India has reclaimed 38 per cent of forest area lost to mining and the target was to reclaim the remaining 62 per cent.

"These degraded areas are originally biodiversity-rich landscapes. We have to restore and take care of them. The G20 Global Land Initiative (GLI) was launched during the Saudi presidency and the ambition of this initiative was to prevent, halt and reverse land degradation and reduce degraded land by 50 per cent by 2040. GLI will monitor whether the land is restored or not. However, India voluntarily has created structural and functional tools to monitor the restoration and institutes like Indian Institute of Forest Management to do the monitoring and submit a report," Bivash said.

He said this G20 working group meeting was the first after the adoption of the historic Kunming Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. India by committing to restore 26 million hectares by 2030 is achieving two objectives: increasing the biodiversity and fulfilling the goals set in the Global Biodiversity Framework.



Environment policy

The fourth ECSWG meeting will also see the launch of 'Resource Efficiency Circular Economy Industry Coalition' by Bhupender Yadav, Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, on July 27, according to Naresh Pal Gangwar, additional secretary to the ministry.

MP has highest number of missing girls, says govt data

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

MADHYA Pradesh, West Bengal and Karnataka are the top three states that have reported the highest numbers of missing girls in the last five years, according to government data. Gujarat, Delhi, Odisha and Chhattisgarh follow closely.

According to data provided by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, about 2,75,125 children went missing between January 1, 2018 and June 30, 2023. While 62,237 of the missing children were boys, a whopping 2,12,825 were girls.

Madhya Pradesh not only reports the highest number of girls going missing, but the

TRACKING NUMBERS

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State	No. of missing children	No. of girls missing
Madhya Pradesh	61,102	49,024
West Bengal	49,129	41,808
Karnataka	27,528	18,893
Gujarat	20,081	16,432
Delhi	22,964	15,365

number of children too, according to the data shared in the Lok Sabha. Of the 61,102 missing children, 49,024 were girls. In the last five years, 49,129

children went missing in West Bengal, of which 41,808 were girls. In Karnataka, 27,528 children were reported missing, including 18,893 girls. Gujarat

follows, with 16,432 girls missing of the total 20,081 children. Delhi saw 22,964 children go missing; 15,365 were girls. Odisha reported 17,149 missing children; 14,840 were girls.

The data also showed that of the 2,75,125 children that went missing in the country, 240,502 were found. Of this 1,73,786 were girls and 66,638 boys.

Lakshadweep and Mizoram did not report any children missing. In northeastern states like Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, and Nagaland, only one case each was reported.

According to Prof Shanta Sinha, former head of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, there is

not enough focus on the protection of girls in the country.

"The government has a campaign 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao', but there is not enough focus on protecting girls. Over 2 lakh girls have gone missing. It is a huge number. There is no noise about this issue.

"There has to be a continuous building of knowledge, information and awareness. The child care protection system needs to be strengthened," Sinha told this newspaper.

Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani said the ministry has developed the 'TrackChild Portal' that enables tracking of the missing and found children.

Doval raises border issue with China at BRICS

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

NATIONAL Security Advisor Ajit Doval, in conversation with China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi on the sidelines of the BRICS Summit in Johannesburg, said that efforts must be made to restore peace along the border areas. Wang Yi, meanwhile, spoke about enhancing mutual trust and focus on cooperation.

"During the meeting, Ajit Doval conveyed that the situation along the Line of Actual Control in the Western Sector of the India-China border since 2020 has eroded the strategic trust, and the public and political basis of the relationship. The NSA emphasised the importance of continuing efforts to fully resolve the situation and restore peace and tranquility in the border areas, so as to remove impediments to normalcy in bilateral relations," according to the Ministry of External Affairs.

The duo also agreed that the India-China bilateral relationship is significant not only for the two countries but also for the region and the world. How-



NSA Ajit Doval meets Chinese diplomat Wang Yi on Tuesday | TWITTER

Doval meets Russian, Iranian counterparts too

Meanwhile, Doval also met his counterparts from Russia (Nikolai Patrushev) and Iran (Ali-Akbar Ahmadian). "The Russian-India cooperation on security issues as well as an interaction in the field of economy were discussed in detail," according to a Russian MFA readout. With the Iranian delegate, Doval reportedly discussed Iran's inclusion in the BRICS and about the Chabahar port.

ever, just a few days ago, India had rejected Chinese carmaker BYD's \$1 billion bid to set up an electric vehicle factory in the country, citing security concerns. Wang Yi, during his talks with Doval, urged India to

stabilise bilateral ties for the benefit of both the countries.

The Chinese foreign minister called for policies of enhancing mutual trust and to focus on consensus and cooperation, according to a Chinese Foreign

Minsitry readout. "Whether China and India support or exhaust each other will directly affect their respective development as well as the global landscape," Wang told Doval, adding that both the nations should adhere to the 'strategic judgment' that they pose no threat to each other and present opportunities for mutual growth.

The Chinese readout also added that the Doval acknowledged that the destiny of both the countries was closely linked and was necessary to rebuild strategic mutual trust and seek common development.

Earlier, during the ASEAN Regional Forum meet in Jakarta on July 15, Wang Yi had said that he hoped India would provide Chinese firms with a fair, transparent and non-discriminatory business environment.

Relations between the two neighbours have been particularly tense in recent years after the Galwan incident in 2020, which left 20 Indian and four Chinese soldiers dead.

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Army and Air Force seal the deal for acquisition of indigenous drones

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

IN A push towards induction of indigenous systems and equipment, the Indian Army on Monday concluded a contract to induct indigenously developed Remotely Piloted Aerial vehicles (RPV).

This is in continuation with the recent induction of an artificial intelligence-based accident prevention device by the Army and a highly advanced radar system specifically designed for marine navigation.

Sources said the Indian Army and Z Motions Pvt Ltd have concluded a contract for acquiring eight indigenously developed RPVs through the Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) channel functioning under the defence ministry.

The contract, worth ₹5 crore, will see delivery of RPVs by this year and would receive all of them in a year's time.

Sources in the defence establishment said that the Indian Army is procuring these RPVs for itself and the Indian Air



Force also. They will get an equal number of drones for field exploitation.

"After experiments, it has been planned to procure the RPVs in bulk," sources said.

The Indian Army said in a tweet: "... The state-of-the-art airborne platform would enhance the surveillance, targeting and tracking capability and carry out precision targeting of the enemy positions."

Being developed as loitering munitions that will prove to be a game-changer during operations, these RPVs will provide integral surveillance, targeting and tracking capability to light

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infantry, small teams of units and special operations units to carry out precision targeting at standoff ranges.

In another move towards raising indigenous equipment under the iDEX initiative, the Navy in May signed with Siliconia Technologies. Siliconia got the contract as its prototype Challenge, which envisaged the development of a prototype that is a lightweight ASIC (Application-Specific Integrated Circuit) based communication system, which could be used for Low Earth Orbit, Medium Earth Orbit and geostationary satellite communication.

BUILDINGS SEALED
The municipal corporation has sealed 13 dilapidated buildings in Latur city to avoid any untoward incidents like the collapse in the wake of heavy rains, an official said on Tuesday

3 FAMILY
KILLED IN CAR-BUS COLLISION IN BIKANER



INDIA	Max	Min	Mumbai	Max	Min
Ahmedabad	42	27	Bhopal	35	29
Bhopal	43	28	Patna	32	28
Jaipur	41	30	Patna	41	27
Amritsar	40	23	Lucknow	42	27
Chennai	39	30	Port Blair	34	28
Kolkata	36	26	Imphal	23	18
Srinagar	18	08	Chandigarh	42	23

As Manipur continues to simmer ever since May 4 ethnic violence, protests and unrests spill over to neighbouring states in North-East

CM talks of deep wounds as protests spread to Mizoram

PRASANTA MAZUMDA @ Guwahati

THOUSANDS of people staged protests across Mizoram on Tuesday to express solidarity with the Zo people in ethnic strife-torn Manipur. Chief Minister Zoramthanga, deputy chief minister Tawnluia, ministers and MLAs cutting across party lines took part in the massive protest rally in Aizawl. Zoramthanga told a news channel that Manipur and Central governments would have to try their best to find a solution.

"The wound is deep. It is very difficult to heal this with a pain-killer. It needs a thorough investigation," Zoramthanga said, adding what the Manipur and Central governments have done so far is not enough.

He said it was up to the Centre and his Manipur counterpart N Biren Singh to decide if he (Biren) should step down. He said lots of people, including Singh, and other factors are responsible for the violence.

"The Central government has to take a political decision in consultations with various communities of Manipur," the Mizoram CM said in the backdrop of the demand by the Kuki-Zo tribals to grant "separate administration" to them.

Hundreds of people joined Zoramthanga in the peaceful protest with placards and posters, decrying the violence in the neighbouring state.



Mizoram CM Zoramthanga, along with members of civil society organisations, takes part in a demonstration to express solidarity with the Zo people in Manipur | PTI

The NGO Co-Ordination Committee, Mizoram, said the violence in Manipur has tarnished the image of Indian democracy. It appealed to the Central and Manipur governments to take necessary steps to secure peace between the Meiteis and the Zo ethnic people.

Mizos, Kukis, Zomis, Hmars, Chins (Myanmar) and Chin-Kukis (Bangladesh) belong to the greater Zo community and they share the same ancestry, culture and tradition. As per official figures, 12,584 tribals, displaced by the violence in Manipur, are taking shelter in Mizoram. Security was beefed up across Mizoram in view of the demonstrations. Officials said heavy deployment of police, patrolling and strict vigilance were ensured in all districts, especially in the vulnerable areas, to prevent any untoward incident.

Meanwhile in Manipur, a three-member team of the National Commission for Women, led by its chief Rekha Sharma, visited the Kuki-majority Churachandpur while Delhi Commission for Women chief Swati Maliwal met the family members. She said the two were yet to receive any counselling.

Maliwal also met Governor Anusuiya Uikey, apprised her of the situation and shared her findings. A viral video of two women being paraded naked by a mob in Manipur renewed the national attention on the state, where violence broke out nearly three months ago.



'How did people from Myanmar enter Manipur?'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Guwahati

THE Manipur government has sought a detailed report from the Assam Rifles authorities as to why 718 Myanmar nationals, including 301 children and 208 women, were allowed entry into Chandel district of the state without proper travel documents.

The paramilitary force has also been asked to clarify the circumstances of the influx and advised to push back these illegal immigrants immediately. The government advised the Chandel district magistrate and superintendent of police to oversee the implementation of the same and also keep biometrics of all the persons.

Manipur Chief Secretary Dr Vineet Joshi said the state government had earlier clearly informed Assam Rifles that since it is the border guarding force, it must take strict action to prevent entry of Myanmar nationals into Manipur on any ground without valid visa/travel documents as per the instruction of Ministry of Home Affairs.

"The state views the fresh illegal entry of refugees very seriously (and) with utmost sensitivity as the same may have international ramifications, particularly in view of the on-going law and order issues," Joshi said. The 718 people had arrived on July 22 and 23.

Top cop says attack pre-planned, meant to physically harm Sangma

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

THE Meghalaya police on Tuesday said Monday's stone-pelting by a mob targeting Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma's office in Tura was a pre-planned conspiracy to attack him and damage him physically.

Director General of Police LR Bishnoi told journalists that police had clinching evidence suggesting the conspiracy.

"During investigation, the Tura police found that it was a pre-planned conspiracy to attack the CM and damage him physically. Police gathered clinching evidence that money was distributed to some of the youth on July 23 to create violence at the site. Many bottles of liquor were also distributed to the youth," Bishnoi said.

He said many of them, who were part of the mob, had come with plastic jerrycans full of kerosene, along with match boxes and lighters. He said many stones were also found lying there. "At the site, they started giving inciting speeches where the CM was abused and threatened. They provoked the crowd to cause physical damage to the CM and even said they can take extreme steps like murder," the DGP further said.

Sangma said the incident was unacceptable. "I cannot really say right now what is behind



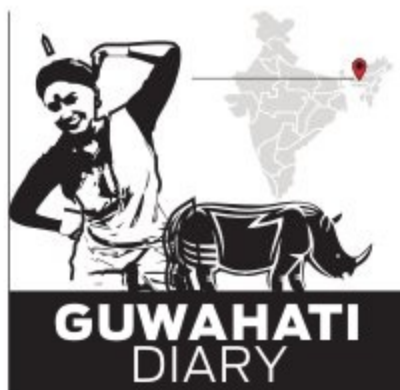
Mob on rampage

On Monday evening, Sangma was holding a discussion with the leaders of two protesting organisations when the mob emerged and attacked the office by pelting stones. Five police personnel were injured while trying to control the situation. Organisations in Garo Hills have been protesting demanding the clearance of backlog of jobs meant for the Garos.

the incident. I am sure we will get a better picture after the investigation is over," he said.

The police identified 26 accused and 19 were arrested. The arrested persons are members of two opposition parties.

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Abolishing redundant posts sparks row

The Assam government's decision to abolish some posts, viewed redundant with the introduction of e-Office and other e-modes of administrative measures, has met with opposition. Recently, the department of personnel issued an office memorandum, directing departments to send requisition to the recruitment agencies, including Assam Public Service Commission, for only essential vacant or new posts. Assam has more than 23 lakh registered unemployed. Regional political party Assam Jatiya Parishad claimed that the government's decision would lead to the abolition of two lakh posts.



Miscreants snatch DIG's mobile phone

Incidents of mobile phone snatching from unsuspecting pedestrians by bike-borne miscreants are common in Guwahati. Deputy Inspector General (Law and Order) Vivek Raj Singh is the latest victim. The IPS officer was on a call during a morning stroll, two days ago when the miscreants, riding a two-wheeler, snatched his mobile phone and made good their escape. The incident embarrassed the police. Singh is a regular morning walker. The incident occurred on the Mazar Road in the Ulubari area. The locality has the official residences of some IPS officers.

Assam, Meghalaya look to end border row

Assam and Meghalaya have begun a process to resolve their bitter border disputes in the remaining six of 12 areas. Ministers of both states met in Guwahati three days ago and discussed the way forward. The two states had signed an agreement earlier after resolving the problem in the first six areas. The dispute in the remaining six areas is considered complicated. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said he was happy to see the two sister states making progress to end the disputes. He was hopeful the problem could be resolved early. In April this year, Assam and Arunachal Pradesh had signed an agreement to resolve their boundary disputes.

UP museum in Shivaji's name to come up soon

NAMITA BAIJAI @ Lucknow

WHILE the previous governments were planning to construct a Mughal museum in the memory of Aurangzeb, the current dispensation is trying to preserve the memory of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj by building a grand museum in his name, said Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday.

The CM was talking at a lecture series on the accomplishments and personality of Shivaji Maharaj, organised by Haridwar-based Divya Prem Seva Mission.

At the event, Yogi said that under the guidance of Shivaji's his mentor Samarth Guru Ramdas, he continued to challenge the Mughal rulers.

"Shivaji has significant relevance to UP from two perspectives: first, the priest who conducted his coronation was Ganga Bhatt from Kashi. Secondly, the great poet Bhushan, who was born in Kanpur, used to compose poetry praising the Maharaj's valor," the CM said.

SC raps Centre, Nagaland over women quota delay

SHRUTI KAKKAR @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Tuesday came down hard on the Centre and Nagaland government for not implementing the constitutional scheme of 33% reservation for women in local body elections.

"Why is it not being implemented? What are you doing? Politically also you (Centre) are on the same page. It is your government, your state. You take extreme stands against other state governments who are not amenable to you but you do nothing against your state government," the court said.

Pressing for action, Justice S K Kaul told the Centre that it cannot wash its hand of the issue.

"Its task is simplified by the fact that the political dispensation in the state is in line with the political dispensation at the Centre," he said.

The bench, also comprising Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia, gave the Centre time till August 26 to make a decision. "If you

don't find a solution next time, we will hear the matter and decide finally. We have given you an extremely long rope. You gave an undertaking that you would do it but backtracked. This is our concern," the bench said.

The court made the remarks while considering a contempt plea alleging non-compliance with the court's order directing the Nagaland government and the state Election Commission to hold local body elections with 33% reservation for women.

The court made it clear that it was not interfering with the customary laws of Nagaland or its special status under Article 371A. "This is a state where education, economic and social status of women is among the best. Thus our concern is why reservation for women cannot be implemented," it said. "Reservation is a concept of affirmative action. Women's reservation is based on that. How do you get out of the constitutional provision?" the court asked.



Ajit allots most funds to NCP MLAs, Pawar loyalists included

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

NCP legislators, including both the factions, are the biggest recipients in the ₹41,000 crore supplementary demands budget that Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar has tabled a couple of days ago, sources said. The combined NCP allocation comes to ₹580 crore.

According to allocations of funds to the MLAs, BJP legislator Prashant Bamb has got the largest ₹772 crore for development work in his constituency in Gangapur (Marathwada). Sources said that this is a small but significant amount announced by Deputy CM Ajit Pawar who is also finance minister to wean away MLAs from his uncle's faction.

Sources said Jayant Patil is also likely to be inducted as a minister in the BJP-led government in the state. Patil is eyeing the irrigation ministry. Once Patil switches sides, the remaining NCP MLAs, who are with Sharad Pawar except Rohit Pawar, will be a part of the

WHO GETS HOW MUCH		
HIGHEST AMONG PARTIES		AMONG NCP MLAs
NCP (both factions combined): ₹580 cr	₹41,000 cr SUPPLEMENTARY DEMANDS BUDGET. FINANCE MINISTER AJIT PAWAR ALLOCATES THE LARGEST FUND TO NCP MLAs	Dutta Bharane has the largest allocation: ₹436 cr
TOP GAINER AMONG MLAs		Makrand Patil: ₹291 cr
Prashant Bamb (BJP), entitled to ₹772 cr		Kiran Lahmate: ₹116 cr

Ajit Pawar-led NCP.

"Ajit Pawar then can claim the entire NCP," said a source.

Jayant Patil denied that he has received so much funds. "It does not mean that what gets allocated gets approved, plus there is a long process," he said, adding that the decision to join the government will be taken by the party president.

In the Ajit Pawar factions, NCP MLA Dutta Bharane has got the largest sum of ₹436

crore, followed by ₹291 crore to Makrand Patil and ₹116 crore to Kiran Lahmate, while deputy chief minister Ajit Pawar allocated ₹73 crore to his own constituency, Baramati.

Interestingly, Sharad Pawar faction's MLA Rajesh Tope has also got ₹293 crore. About ₹210 crore was given to Rohit Pawar. Another NCP MLA, Jitendra Awhad, who was vocal for not going against BJP, got zero funds from his former leader.

As Kullu hill gets 'hollow,' fear of sinking grips town

HARPREET BAIJWA @ Chandigarh

Fear has gripped scores of residents in the tourist hub of Kullu in Himachal Pradesh following cracks in the Khaned hill after days of heavy rains, threatening at least 150 houses in Inner Akhara Bazar and the nearby Math area.

The residents also fear landslides as the hill is "sinking." Rajiv Sharma, a local resident, said a part of the problem is also due to the lack of a proper drainage system, resulting in the imminent danger to Akhara Bazar and Math. "Drains are overflowing – as they do in every rainy season. "Soil has become loose as rains too have made the hill weak. A part of the hill was washed away recently as the newly erected crate walls developed cracks. Lately, slush and debris entered many houses," said Sharma.

"We have earlier given representations to the local administration, which fixed the sewerage system, but the drainage is yet to be set right," he said.

Another resident said the hill has turned hollow at certain places. "If there was a major landslide due to rains, many



People look at a road washed away due to a cloudburst during monsoon season at Gadsa valley in Kullu | PTI

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houses would be badly affected. The pathway to our houses has already been damaged. The rocks frequently roll down, making it risky for the pedestrians," said the resident.

Sources said construction work has only intensified around the hill since 2015, causing frequent landslides and damage to properties.

Deputy Commissioner of Kullu Ashutosh Garg said, "We have asked the municipality to

construct a crate wall as a temporary measure. Once the monsoon is over, we will take up remedial measures."

Meanwhile, the Bhuntar-Gadsa road was damaged at several points after a cloudburst on Tuesday morning. The power supply snapped after excessive rains. A flash flood in Panchnala destroyed five houses, while 15 houses were damaged partially in the Garsa valley. Two bridges were also washed away

by the flooded rivulet but no loss of life was reported.

A team from the Kullu district administration rushed to the spot to take stock of the situation. The road leading to the valley has also been damaged by the flooded Panchnala. When villagers heard a heavy sound of gushing water, they rushed to safety on the hillside in the area.

Following the water overflow due to the jamming of a gate of the Malana Dam, the Kullu district administration had on Monday asked the locals living on the banks of Parvati river to stay vigilant. "We have alerted the people living in villages on the banks of the river that they would be evacuated in case of a breach in Malana Dam 2. So far, the situation is not serious as only 30 cusecs of water is overflowing. The Malana Dam-1 below stream can hold water for some time in case of a breach, allowing evacuation," said Garg.

As per the state emergency response centre, 164 people have died in rain-related incidents and road accidents and it has suffered losses to the tune of ₹5,269 crore since the onset of monsoon on June 24.

Fresh cracks surface in Joshimath, pathway submerged after rain fury

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

FRESH cracks have appeared in Joshimath and a walkway built by the municipality in the area has started submerging, raising fresh concern among the people of the city.

New cracks have started appearing again in the land submergence-affected areas of Joshimath and a new crack has also surfaced on the Joshimath-Auli road, locals in the area said, adding that the walkway built by the municipality in Manohar Bagh ward has also started submerging.

The cracks first surfaced in January in Joshimath's Manohar Bagh ward. Cracks spread to the Singdhar ward. Ved Prakash Pant, a resident of Joshimath's Main Bazar, said:

"The situation has become even more fragile during the rainy season and the administration and the government should take steps on a war footing towards Joshimath."

Meanwhile, the relentless

'More rains to come'

As per the Meteorological Department, on July 26, there may be heavy rains with lightning in many areas of Chamoli, Rudrapur, Bageshwar, Champawat and Nainital districts. The Met has warned plan the journey only after getting accurate information about the weather.

rains in Uttarakhand for the last 15 days have caused heavy damage to national highways. Badrinath National Highway near Kalimati were damaged in landslides near Gauchar and Kameda.

According to the sources at district disaster management authority, it will take another four days for the Badrinath Yatra to resume. Besides, 362 roads, including four national highways, are closed across the state.

Due to intermittent rains in Chamoli district, the Joshimath-Malari highway connecting the China border area is in

bad condition at many places.

According to information received from administrative sources in Chamoli, "Vehicular movement is being hampered due to the debris coming into the Tamak drain near Jumma village every day. On Tuesday too, vehicular movement on the highway remained suspended for nearly six hours, bringing the movement of army ITBP as well as local vehicles to a standstill."

"A 32-year-old man named Rohit Goyal was swept away in a drain in Raipur area of Dehradun on Tuesday evening due to strong current of rain water, immediately after which the local police and SDRF are searching for the youth," SDRF Commandant Manikant Mishra said. As per the Meteorological Department, on July 26, there may be heavy rains with lightning in many areas of Chamoli, Rudrapur, Bageshwar, Champawat and Nainital districts. The Met has warned plan the journey only after getting accurate information about the weather.

7 months on, Xi sacks his 'missing' foreign minister

Qin Gang, who became minister in December, replaced by Wang Yi

BEIJING

CHINA removed outspoken Foreign Minister Qin Gang from office on Tuesday and replaced him with his predecessor, Wang Yi, in a move that has already fuelled rumors over the personal lives and political rivalries of China's Communist Party elite.

Qin—who has only been foreign minister since December—has not been seen in public for a month, missing several important official meetings and sending the rumour mill into overdrive.

In its announcement on the national evening news, state broadcaster CCTV gave no reason for Qin's removal. He had dropped out of sight almost a month ago and the Foreign Ministry has provided no information about his status.

Asked repeatedly about Qin earlier on Tuesday, foreign ministry spokeswoman Mao Ning told journalists that she had "no information" to offer and insisted that "China's diplomatic activities are steadily



Qin Gang | AP

Pan Gongsheng named new central bank governor

China replaced its central bank chief on Tuesday. Economist Pan Gongsheng will take the place of outgoing central bank governor Yi Gang, Xinhua reported. Yi has headed the People's Bank of China (PBOC) since 2018 and has reached retirement age. The decision, made on Tuesday, comes after Pan was appointed the PBOC's Communist Party secretary on July 1.

moving forward."

Adding to the mystery around Qin's removal, it was approved at an unusually scheduled meeting of the Standing Committee of China's rubber stamp legislature, the National People's Congress, which normally gathers at the end of the month.

Qin last appeared on camera at a meeting with Sri Lanka's foreign minister in Beijing on June 25. The Foreign Ministry at one point put his absence down to bad health.

Wang Yi had previously

served as China's top diplomat in his capacity as head of the party's office of foreign affairs. Without other strong contenders, it appeared likely he would retain that position, at least in the short term.

Earlier in his career, Qin Gang had served as ministry spokesperson, during which he gained a reputation for criticism of the West and rejection of all accusations against China. That came to be known as "wolf warrior" diplomacy, after the name of a nationalistic movie franchise. Agencies

MOSCOW

THE Russian parliament's lower house on Tuesday approved a bill extending the upper age limit for the compulsory military draft from 27 to 30, a move that appears to be part of efforts by the Kremlin to expand the military during the fighting in Ukraine.

All Russian men aged 18-27 are currently obliged to serve in the military for one year, although many avoid the draft by using deferments granted to students, people with chronic illnesses and others.

"From January 1, 2024, citizens aged 18 to 30 will be called up for military service," the lower house of parliament said. The law also prohibits conscripts from leaving the country once the enlistment office has sent them their draft notice.

The bill, which was quickly approved by the lower house on Tuesday, still needs to be endorsed by the upper house and signed by President Vladimir Putin to become law.

Also on Tuesday, the Duma passed a bill significantly increasing fines for those who fail to show up at an enlistment office after a draft notice is received. They will be risking a fine of up to \$330.

The Russian authorities say the military doesn't use draftees in the fighting in Ukraine, relying on volunteers and reservists who were mobilised for action. Some Russian media have reported, however, that the military tries to encourage or coerce many draftees into signing contracts as volunteers.

The sudden shift drew criticism from some senior members of the upper house, but its speaker said it will support the new version. Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov wouldn't comment on the change. Agencies

MOSCOW'S DESPERATION

Russia extends upper age for military draft

UN warns of mines near Zaporizhzhia N-plant

KYIV

THE UN atomic watchdog says its monitors at the Russian-occupied Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant reported seeing anti-personnel mines around the site.

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) said its team observed the mines on Sunday in a restricted area that is off-limits to the plant's Ukrainian staff. The agency did not directly attribute the placement of the mines to the Russians but said its experts were told "it is a military decision, and in an area controlled by military."

"Having such explosives on the site is inconsistent with the IAEA safety standards and nuclear security guidance and creates additional psychological pressure on plant staff," Rafael Mariano Grossi, the agency's director general, said in a statement. However, any detonation of the mines, which were facing away from the plant and located between its internal and external perimeter barriers, "should not affect the site's nuclear safety and security systems," the statement said.

Meanwhile, Ukrainian authorities said on Tuesday that air defences intercepted Iranian-made Shahed drones that Russia fired at Kyiv overnight. The Russian Defence Ministry said a Russian patrol ship destroyed two Ukrainian sea drones that attacked it in the Black Sea early Tuesday. It said the crew of the Sergey Kotov patrol ship of the Russian Black Sea Fleet wasn't hurt in the attack 370 kilometres southwest of the Crimean port of Sevastopol. AP

US says Russia damaged drone

Russian fighter aircraft dropped flares above a US MQ-9 drone as it took part in a mission against the Islamic State group in Syria, damaging its propeller, US Air Force Lieutenant General Alexis Grynke said.

Married Indian woman converts in Pak, marries FB friend

PESHAWAR

ANJU, the Indian mother of two children who travelled to a remote village in Pakistan, married her Facebook friend on Tuesday after converting to Islam and now has a new name Fatima.

The 34-year-old Indian woman was staying at her 29-year-old Pakistani friend Nasrullah's home in Upper Dir district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

They became friends on Facebook in 2019.

They tied the knot in a local court of a district and sessions judge amid tight security.



Indian woman Anju along with Pakistani Facebook friend Nasrullah | PTI

"Nasrullah and Anju's marriage was solemnised today and a proper *nikkah* was performed

after she converted to Islam," senior officer at Moharrar City Police Station in Upper Dir dis-

trict Muhammad Wahab said. Malakand Division Deputy Inspector General Nasir Mehmood Satti confirmed the *nikkah* and said Indian woman Anju has been named Fatima after her conversion to Islam.

He further stated that the Indian woman has been shifted to home from the court under police security, *Geo News* reported. They recorded the statement, saying they have signed the *nikkah* on their own will. The Indian woman told the court that she has willingly come to Pakistan and is very happy here, it said.

Anju, who was born in Kai-

lor village in Uttar Pradesh and lived in the Alwar district of Rajasthan, shared a short video before her marriage in which she says she "feels safe" in Pakistan. "I want to give this message to all that I have come here legally and with planning as it was not about two days that I came here all of a sudden, and I am safe here," she said in the video.

"I request all the media persons not to harass my relatives and children," she said. Anju is married to Arvind, who is in Rajasthan. They have a 15-year-old daughter and a six-year-old son. PTI

UK announces second ballot for visa scheme for Indians

LONDON

THE British government on Tuesday opened its second ballot under the UK-India Young Professional Scheme for Indians aged between 18 and 30 years with graduate-level qualifications for visas to the UK.

The ballot, which closes on July 27, offers eligible young Indians the opportunity to live, work or study in the UK for up to two years. "The second ballot of the Young Professionals Scheme is now OPEN," British High Commission in New Delhi

tweeted. "If you are an Indian national between 18-30 years of age with a graduate or post-graduate qualification, consider applying for the India Young Professionals Scheme visa. Ballot closes at 1.30 pm on July 27," it said. There are a total of 3,000 places available under the scheme for the year 2023 and UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) said that most places were given in the first ballot which took place in February. The remaining places will be chosen at random from this month's ballot. PTI

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If anyone having Claim, right over the SCHEDULE PROPERTY may intimate the same to the undersigned within 07 Days failing which it will be deemed that nobody else has claim over the property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of immovable vacant residentially property bearing No.33, Site No.5, Khatia No.163, Situated at Kaggadasapura Village, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Within Bangalore Mahanagar palike Jurisdiction, Bangalore East Taluk, measuring East to West 50 Ft. North to South 32 Ft. and 1600 Sq. Ft. along with RCC roofed residential building constructed thereon Ground and First, Ground Floor measuring 770 Sq. Ft. First Floor measuring 770 Sq. Ft. all together totally measuring 1540 Sq. feet of super built up area, together with Vitrified flooring, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface, and bounded on the East by: Site 4, West by: 25 Ft wide Road, North by: Site No.6, South by: Private Property.

B.B. SUDHIR, Advocate
No. 334, 9th Main, 14th Cross, Indiranagar, Bangalore-560038.
Mob: 98450 22593.

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - AT BANGALURU

Between: BANK OF BARODA
Peenya Branch, BANGALORE-560058.
...Applicant

AND: M/s. AXIS VERIFORTE SERVICES PVT. LTD. AND TWO OTHERS. ...Defendants

O.A. No. 726/2021
1. M/s. AXIS VERIFORTE SERVICES PVT. LTD., By its Directors Mr. Pramod Mishra and Smt. Shalini Mishra, No. 64, Parimala Towers, 3rd Floor, Jalahalli Camp Cross, Off: MES Road, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore-560022.
2. Mr. PRAMOD MISHRA, S/o: Sri. Bhuvaneshwara Mishra, Director, M/s. Axis Veriforte Services Pvt. Ltd., No. 365, 9th Main Road, Ramiah Enclave, Hesaraghatta Road, Nagasandra Post, Bangalore-560073.

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (vii) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL PROCEDURE RULES-1993.

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANTS 1 TO 3 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION
Whereas the applicant has instituted an Application Under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act 1993 against the defendants / you for the recovery of a sum of **Rs.22,18,110/-** (Rupees Twenty two lakhs eighteen thousand one hundred and ten only) together with current and future interest and other reliefs.

The above mentioned defendants are therefore hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly authorized agent, in support of their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **17.10.2023 at 10-30 A.M.** as to why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence. Given under my hand and the Seal of this Tribunal on this 13th day of June 2023.

Asst. Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-I, Bangalore

UCO BANK RAMANAGARA BRANCH (2805)

No.7, K.G.N Complex, Kumundam Mohalla, Dist-Ramanagara-562159

DEMAND NOTICE
Notice under Section 13(2) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

Whereas at the request of you, (below mentioned borrowers/guarantors) **UCO Bank, Ramanagara Branch** has granted credit facilities from time to time by way of financial assistance against various assets creating security interest in favour of the Bank. The particulars of properties mortgaged by you by way of deposit of title deeds creating security interest in favour of the bank are mentioned here under. As you have failed to discharge the debt due to the Bank, the below mentioned loan accounts have been classified as Non performing Assets as per the guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India. As the demand notices sent to you by Registered Post calling upon you to discharge the debt due to Bank were returned, unserved, we are issuing this notice through paper publication.

Name of the Borrowers: 1. Mr.Aslam Pasha (Main Applicant/Borrower), S/o. Mr.Mohammed Khassim Sab, Residence address: # No.131, 2nd Main Road, Minhaj Nagar, Kadirenahalli, J.P.Nagar, Bangalore-560078, Office Address: M/s Map India Granite Pvt. Ltd. Mr.Aslam Pasha, Designation: Director, # No.130, 2nd Cross, Minhaj Nagar J.P.Nagar, Bangalore-560078. **2.Mrs. Shakira Begum (Co-Applcant/ Co-Borrower), W/o. Aslam Pasha**, #No.131, 2nd Main Road, Minhaj Nagar, Kadirenahalli, J.P.Nagar, Bangalore-560078. **Date of NPA on 29-06-2023**

Outstanding Amount: Rs.3,71,985.13 (Rupees Three Lakhs Seventy One Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Five & Paise Thirteen Only) as on 29-06-2023 (Inclusive of interest charge up to 28-02-2023) with further unapplied interest w.e.f 01-03-2023 and incidental expenses, costs

Equitable Mortgage of Properties Comprising: Commercial building SALE /Title DEED No. - 10234/2013-14, Dated : -24-02-2014

All that piece & parcel of Schedule Property bearing Municipal Khata No. 823/824/176/181 A, Site No.67, Site measuring East to West: 30 feet, North to South: 40 feet, and Khata No.830/A/824/A/176/A/181A/I, Site No.74, Site measuring Southern side East to West: 30 feet, North to South: 16.60 feet and Total Site measuring by above two Khata East to West:- 30 (Thirty) Feet, North to South: 56.60 (Fifty Six & Half) Feet, (Total 1695 Sqft) Situated at Kottipura Amanikere, Ward No.24/5, Ramanagara Town and District. **Bounded By:** East by: Site No.66 & Part of Site No.75, West by: Site No.66 & Part of Site No.73, North by: Property belongs Haji Arif Pasha & Saleem Pasha, South by: Road.

In the name of: **Mr.Aslam Pasha, S/o. Late Mohammed Khassim Sab**

If you fail to repay the above mentioned amount due by you with future interest and incidental expenses, costs as stated above in terms of this notice under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, within 60 days from the date of this notice, the Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of SARFAESI Act and other applicable provisions of the said Act. This notice is without prejudice to the Bank's right to initiate such other actions or legal proceedings, as it deems necessary under any other Provisions of Law.

Date: 10-07-2023 **Sd/- Authorised Officer,**
Place: Bangalore **UCO Bank**

SME PEENYA BRANCH

13th Cross, 4th Phase, Peenya Industrial Area, Bangalore-560058, Phone: 080-28360037/2661 E-Mail : cb2454@canarabank.com

POSSESSION NOTICE [Section 13(4)]
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Canara Bank under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated 17.05.2023 calling upon the Borrower 1) M/s. S V B Industries, No. 49/1A, 8th Main, SLV Industrial Estate, Peenya 2nd Stage, Bengaluru Urban, Karnataka-560058. 2) Mr. M. Venkatesan (Guarantor), 3) Mr. M. Vasudevan (Guarantor), 4) Mr. M. Balaji (Guarantor), All are Residing at : No. 05, 8th Main, Bandappa Garden, Muthyala Nagar, Bangalore North, Karnataka - 560 054 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 1,67,56,229.90/- (Rupees One Crore Sixty Seven Lakhs Fifty Six Thousands Two Hundred Twenty Nine and Paise Ninety Only) as on 03.05.2023 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower / Guarantor / Mortgagee having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower / Guarantor / Mortgagee and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this 18th day of July of the year 2023. The borrower / Guarantor / Mortgagee in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Canara Bank for an amount of Rs. 1,67,56,229.90/- (Rupees One Crore Sixty Seven Lakhs Fifty Six Thousands Two Hundred Twenty Nine and Paise Ninety Only) as on 03.05.2023 and interest, legal and other charges thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of time Available, to redeem the secured assets. **DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHEDULED PROPERTY :** All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Municipal No. 5, Old Municipal No. 18, Survey No. 39, 8th Main Road, Muthyala Nagar, Bandappa Garden, BBMP Ward No. 17, Bangalore - 560054, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 40 feet, admeasuring 1600 Sq. ft and bounded on : **East By : 8th Main Road, West By : Private Property, North By : Private Property, South By : Concervancy Lane**

Date : 18.07.2023 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **Canara Bank**

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Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.

Corporate Office : 802, Natraj By Rustomjee, Western Express Highway, Sir M.V. Road, Andheri East, Mumbai - 400069, Maharashtra.

Malleswaram Branch : No.16/12, Nagarathna Nilaya, First Floor, Opp Dr.Rajkumar Samadhi, 1st A Cross,2nd Main, Nandini Layout, 2nd Block, Outer Ring Road, Bangalore-560096

APPENDIX IV POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice(s) issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement rules, 2002. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of AHFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.

Sl No. **Name of the Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower** **Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)** **Demand Notice Date and Amount** **Date of Possession**

1 (COMBINE LOAN CODE NO. 18910000106 Malleshwaram Branch) Venkatesh K (Borrower) Deepika P (Co Borrower) Vacant Site Rayasandra V, Kanakapura Taluk Site No. Mig - 2181 Kanakapura Ramanagara - 562117, Karnataka, Bounded on : **East by :** Site No.MIG-2182, **West by :** Site No.MIG-2180, **North by :** Site No.MIG-2149 and **South by :** Road(15 Feet).

Place : Malleshwaram **Date : 26.07.2023** **Authorised Officer**
Aadhar Housing Finance Limited

US proposes rules to push insurers to boost mental health coverage

WASHINGTON

Prevalence of mental illness in United States

According to White House, the 21% of adults who had any mental illness in 2020, less than half received mental health care; fewer than one in ten with a substance use disorder received treatment. Yet today, too many Americans still struggle to find and afford the care they need.

PRESIDENT Joe Biden's administration on Tuesday announced new rules meant to push insurance companies to increase their coverage of mental health treatments.

The new regulations, which still need to go through a public comment period, would require insurers to study whether their customers have equal access to medical and mental health benefits and to take remedial action, if necessary.

The Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act requires that insurers provide the same level of coverage for both mental and physical health care —though the administration and advocates argue insurers' policies restrict patient access. The rules, if finalised, would force insurers to study patient outcomes to ensure the benefits are administered equally, taking into account their provider network and reimbursement rates and whether prior au-

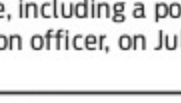
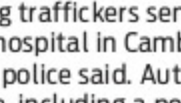
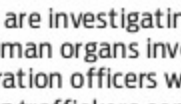
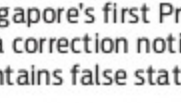
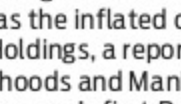
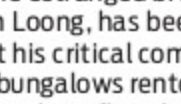
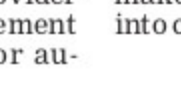
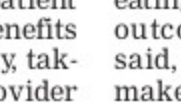
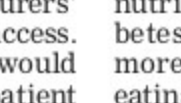
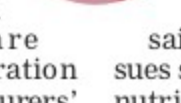
thorisation is required for care.

"Too many Americans still struggle to find and afford the care they need," White House said in an emailed statement.

Politico reported that White House domestic policy adviser Neera Tanden said not enough Americans are able to access mental health care. She added that insurers make it harder to access mental health care in-network, forcing patients to pay out of pocket.

"This rule will stop the industry evasion that has led millions of people to pay for care even when they have insurance," Tanden said.

The administration said it's aiming to address issues such as insurers enabling nutritional counseling for diabetes patients but making it more difficult for those with eating disorders. By measuring outcomes, the White House said, it will force insurers to make modifications to come into compliance with the law. AP



ASIA MATTERS

PM's BROTHER receives flak for FB post

Lee Hsien Yang, the estranged brother of Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, has been directed by the law ministry to correct his critical comments on Facebook about the state-owned bungalows rented by two Indian-origin ministers as well as the inflated circulation numbers by Singapore Press Holdings, a report said. Under the Protection from Online Falsehoods and Manipulation Act (POFMA), the second son of Singapore's first Prime Minister, will be required to carry a correction notice on his Facebook post stating that it contains false statement

POLICE CRACKDOWN ON TRAFFICKING

Indonesian police are investigating the illegal trade of human organs involving police and immigration officers who were accused of helping traffickers send 122 Indonesians to a hospital in Cambodia to sell their kidneys, police said. Authorities arrested 12 people, including a police officer and an immigration officer, on July 19



L&T approves ₹10,000 crore share buyback

Buyback price represents premium of nearly 17% to July 25 closing price of ₹2,562 apiece

SACHIN KUMAR @Mumbai

ENGINEERING and construction giant Larsen and Toubro (L&T) proposed to buy back shares worth up to ₹10,000 crore via tender offer route.

The company's board on Tuesday approved the proposal to buy back 3.33 crore shares, representing 2.4% of the total paid-up equity share capital, at a maximum price of ₹3,000 apiece. The buyback price represents a premium of nearly 17% to the July 25 closing price of ₹2,562. The proposal to buy back shares is subject to the approval of shareholders, the company said in a statement.

This is company's second attempt to buy back shares as its board had approved a proposal to buy back shares worth Rs9000 crore in 2018. The company did not proceed with its plan after the Securities and Exchange Board of India did not give a green signal, citing

compliance issues over its post-buyback debt-equity ratio.

Under a share buyback, the company buys back its own shares from shareholders and it is seen as a tax-efficient way to give cash back to investors. Share buyback reduces the number of shares available in the market and thereby increases the real value of the stock.

"The Board of Directors has approved a proposal to buy-back through the tender offer route equity shares of the Company for an aggregate amount not exceeding Rs 10,000 crore (excluding tax on buy-back)," said the company in a statement. "The public announcement and the letter of offer setting out the process, timelines and other requisite details of the Buyback will be released in due course in accordance with the Buyback Regulations," said the company in a regulatory filing to the Bombay Stock Exchange.

The specific price at which



SHARE BUYBACK PLAN

₹10,000 CR 3.3 CRORE

SIZE OF LARSEN AND TOUBRO'S SHARE BUYBACK PROGRAMME NUMBER OF SHARES COMPANY PLANS TO BUY VIA TENDER OFFER ROUTE

2.4%: Total stake company plans to buy back from public shareholders

₹3,000 PER SHARE: PRICE AT WHICH COMPANY WILL BUY BACK SHARES

L&T had earlier planned ₹9,000 crore share buyback plan in 2019 but did not proceed with the plans

the buyback will be made may be determined by the Board or Committee, at an appropriate time, the company said. The shares of the company closed 1.7% lower at ₹2562 apiece on the BSE on Tuesday.

The Board has also approved a special dividend of ₹6 per share. The record date for the same is fixed on August 2 and it will be paid on or before August 14. For the first quarter, the

company's net profit rose 46% year-on-year to ₹2,493 crore, while revenues increased 34% to ₹47,882 crore.

It received orders worth ₹65,520 crore at the group level during the June quarter, registering a strong year-on-year growth of 57%. The consolidated order book of the group is at ₹4.12 lakh crore as of June, with international orders having a share of 29%.

Tata Motors to cancel DVR shares, posts ₹3,203 cr PAT

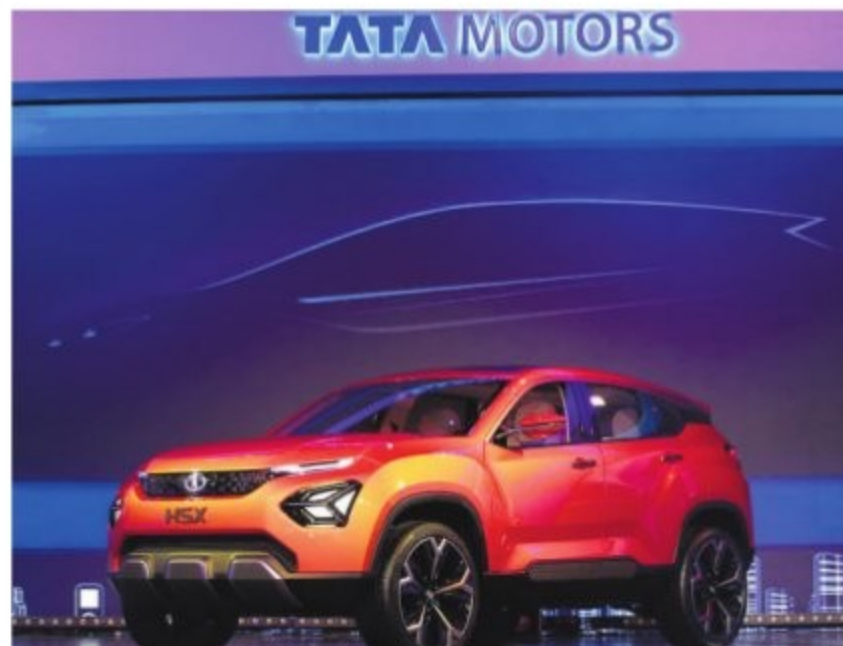
ARSHAD KHAN @New Delhi

TATA MOTORS (TML) has decided to cancel its 'A' ordinary shares, also known as different voting rights (DVR) shares as part of the company's effort to simplify its capital structure.

As per Tata Motors, this move will result in a reduction of the company's overall outstanding shares by 4.2%. The cancellation process is expected to take 12-15 months. Tata Motors said the process will witness a 3.2% dilution in promoters voting rights.

To compensate DVR shareholders, Tata will issue 7 ordinary shares for every 10 'A' ordinary shares. This is a 23% premium compared to the previous day's closing level of 'A' ordinary shares as against ordinary shares, it said in a regulatory filing on Tuesday after announcing its June quarter results.

Post completion of delisting of the American Depository Shares from the New York Stock Exchange as of January 23, 2023, Tata Motors has currently two types of listed equity securities, namely Ordinary Shares and 'A' Ordinary Shares. The 'A' Ordinary Shares carry 1/10th of voting rights of Ordinary Shares and are entitled to 5 percentage



SHARE DISTRIBUTION: To compensate DVR shareholders, Tata will issue 7 ordinary shares for every 10 'A' ordinary shares. This is a 23% premium compared to the previous day's closing level of 'A' ordinary shares as against ordinary shares

points higher dividend.

The 'A' Ordinary shares were first issued by TML in 2008 and subsequently in a further QIP in 2010 and rights issue in 2015. Tata Motors remains the only large listed entity with DVRs in India. Regulatory changes have since restricted issuance of such instruments with DVR and TML

remains only large listed corporate with such an instrument.

On Tuesday, it reported a consolidated profit of ₹3,202.8 crore for June quarter as against a loss of ₹5,006.60 crore in the same quarter last fiscal. However, profit fell sequentially by 40% as it had posted ₹5,407 crore profits in the March quarter.

AI needs to pick up speed in India: Report

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"The report shows that security Artificial Intelligence (AI) and automation had the biggest impact on keeping breach costs down and cutting time off the investigation - and yet a majority of organizations in India still haven't deployed these technologies. It's clear that there is still considerable opportunity for businesses to boost detection and response speeds and help stop the trend of growing breach costs," Ramaswamy said.

The report stated that in India, "28% of data breaches studied resulted in the loss of data spanning multiple types of environments (that is, public cloud, private cloud, on-premises) - indicating that attackers were able to compromise multiple environments while avoiding detection. When breached data was stored across multiple environments, it also had the highest associated breach costs (Rs 188 million) and took the longest to identify and contain (327 days)."

The report underscored the need for AI and automation to pick up speed in India. "In India, studied organizations that deployed security AI and automation extensively saw nearly Rs 95 million lower data breach costs than organizations that didn't deploy these technologies - the biggest cost saver identified in the report."

The report stated that "80% of studied organizations in India have limited (37%) or no use (43%) of AI and automation." The report analysed a collection of real-world data breaches at 553 organizations, hundreds of cost factors besides interviewing thousands of individuals.

"The report found that while 95% of organizations studied globally have experienced more than one breach, these breached organizations were more likely to pass incident costs onto consumers (57%) than to increase security investments (51%)."

ASIANOMICS

CHINA

PAN GONGSHENG TO LEAD CENTRAL BANK

China on Tuesday appointed Pan Gongsheng as the governor of the country's central bank. This is a major appointment of the ruling Communist Party's once-a-decade change of power. Pan has been promoted from the position of deputy central bank governor. He is veteran of China's state-owned banking industry, succeeds Yi Gang, an American-trained economist who held the post for five years. The veteran banker was widely expected to be in line for the job after he was named Communist Party secretary for the central bank. Pan was appointed head of China's foreign exchange regulator in 2015, which is usually a stepping stone to the top central bank appointment. Though the governor of the People's Bank of China is the most prominent figure in finance circles in the country but its powers are limited as the bank is controlled by the ruling Communist Party.

BANGLADESH

S&P LOWERS OUTLOOK TO NEGATIVE FROM STABLE

Global Ratings agency Standard & Poor's on Tuesday lowered long-term rating outlook of Bangladesh to negative from stable on account of liquidity risks. The agency reaffirmed its BB- long-term and B short-term sovereign credit ratings on Bangladesh. However, it said they could be lowered if external debt or liquidity metrics fell further. The country is struggling to pay imported fuel bill due to dollar crunch as the country's greenback reserves have fallen by more than a third since February 2022. The country's gross domestic product (GDP) growth declined to 6.3% in the financial year ending June 2023. S&P said the country's economy is likely to grow between 6% and 6.4% annually during 2024-2026.

SOUTH KOREA

GDP RISES 0.6% IN Q2 DESPITE EXPORT DECLINE

South Korea's economy rose for the second consecutive quarter on positive net exports, according to the central bank data released on Tuesday. According to an advance estimate from the Bank of Korea (BOK), the country's real GDP grew 0.6% quarter-on-quarter in the April-June period, from a 0.3% expansion in the first quarter. Rise in net exports helped grow the GDP, an inflation-adjusted value of private consumption, government spending, investment and net exports, by 1.3 percentage points in the second quarter, data showed. Exports tumbled 1.8% in the first quarter (January-March) on account of sluggish demand for petroleum products and transportation services. However, boost in semiconductor exports and motor vehicles gained ground.

Refund no guarantee tax dept not keeping a watch

MONIKA YADAV @New Delhi

GETTING a refund is not a surety that the reassessment won't be done under the income tax act, as many cases of individuals have been reopened by the tax department, say experts.

Interestingly, even salaried individuals have not been able to escape the reassessment proceedings. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday said that one lakh cases have been reopened by the tax authorities related to fourth and sixth year.

According to a senior government official, these 1 lakh cases include corporate and non-corporate cases including salaried individuals. The tax department can initiate the reassessment under section 148 of income tax act, if it gets some information indicating that a taxpayer's income have escaped tax payment. However, he refused to reveal how many pertained to corporates and how many to individuals.

As per Chetan Daga, founder of AdvantEdge Consulting, "Just because return is filed and refund is issued that doesn't

mean taxman is not checking you. If you have not reported a particular income, your case can be reopened." He further stated that many salaried taxpayers are under the impression that if a refund is issued, it means their returns are checked and found correct.

"The tax authorities can get the tip-off from surveys, raids, information reported by financial institutions, and even foreign tax authorities. Since the assessment in these cases is based on some third party information, there is a procedure

involved to reopen the books. The tax officer needs to take approval from senior authorities," Daga said. "Salaried people who have sold properties, claimed excess exemption/deduction over and above Form 16, didn't report transactions in shares and securities, can be picked up for reassessment under section 148," Daga added.

"Beyond four years, matters can be opened up to 11 financial years if income of ₹50 lakh or more is likely to have escaped tax," said another chartered accountant, requesting anonymity.

IMF projects India FY23 growth at 6.1%

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

THE International Monetary Fund (IMF) has revised upwards India's growth projection for 2023-24 by 0.2 percentage points to 6.1%.

The international agency attributes the upward revision to 'momentum from stronger-than-expected growth in the fourth quarter of FY23 as a result of stronger domestic investment'. The IMF in its April World Economic Outlook report had projected the Indian GDP to grow at 5.9%. India's central

bank - the Reserve Bank of India - has projected India's FY24 real growth rate at 6.5%, which is in line with the government's growth estimate. The World Bank has estimated India's GDP growth rate for the current financial year at 6.3%.

The IMF has also revised the global growth by 20 basis points to 3% in 2023 from its earlier estimate of 2.8%. However, it has not changed its 2024 global GDP growth estimate at 3%.

"The forecasts for 2023 and

2024 remain well below the historical (2000-19) annual average of 3.8%. It is also below the historical average across broad income groups, in overall GDP as well as per capita GDP terms," the IMF said in its latest World Economic Outlook report.

As per the report, advanced economies continue to drive the fall in growth from 2022 to 2023, with weaker manufacturing, as well as idiosyncratic factors offsetting stronger services activity.

SpiceJet out of surveillance regime of DGCA

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

IN a major relief for SpiceJet, Aviation watchdog Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has taken off the airline from its enhanced surveillance regime.

The airline, which has been facing multiple financial headwinds, was placed under enhanced surveillance recently. A senior DGCA official said that in view of the observations made in the past concerning inadequate maintenance and in view of the incidents during the monsoon season last year, SpiceJet was placed under enhanced surveillance.

"Accordingly 51 spot checks were conducted across 11 locations pan India, on Boeing 737 and Bombardier DHC Q-400 fleet of aircraft, where in a total 23 aircraft were inspected and 95 observations were made by the DGCA teams," the official said. The findings were of routine nature and were not considered significant by the DGCA. "Suitable maintenance action was taken by the airline to address the findings as per the DGCA guidelines. "As a consequence, SpiceJet has been taken off the enhanced surveillance regime by DGCA," the official said.

Byju's disregarded advice: Prosus

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @Bengaluru

PROSUS, one of the largest investors in edtech firm Byju's, on Tuesday said executive leadership at Byju's "regularly disregarded advice and recommendations relating to strategic, operational, legal, and corporate governance matters."

The investor said the company grew considerably since its first investment in 2018, but over time, its reporting and governance structures didn't evolve sufficiently for a company of that scale. Three prominent investors including Prosus Direc-



tor Russell Dreisenstock resigned from board last month.

It said "The decision for our Director to step down from Byju's Board was taken after it became clear he was unable to fulfil his fiduciary duty to serve long-term interests of the company and its stakeholders." "Prosus is a long-standing and committed supporter of Indian entrepreneurship, investing bil-

lions in India and collaborating with dozens of businesses and founders for nearly 20 years. While the companies and sectors we work with in India and across the globe are high-growth and evolving, our stakeholders expect we hold ourselves and our investee companies to the highest standards of corporate governance and reporting," the statement said.

In June, Prosus had marked down the firm's valuation to \$5.1 billion. Prosus, which holds less than 10% stake, has invested \$536 million in Byju's since 2018. It lost significant influence in the firm from September 2022.

EXPRESS READ

TVS Supply Chain gets Sebi nod for IPO

NEW DELHI: TVS Supply Chain Solutions, part of TVS Mobility Group, has received capital markets regulator Sebi's go-ahead to raise funds through an initial public offering (IPO). The IPO comprises a fresh issue of equity shares aggregating up to ₹750 crore and an Offer for Sale (OFS) of over 2 crore equity shares by promoters and existing shareholders. Those offering shares in the OFS include Omega

TC Holdings, Tata Capital Financial Services, Mahogany Singapore Company, TVS Motor, Kotak Special Situations Fund, among others. ENS

₹2.2 cr Sebi notice to Yes Bank ex-MD

NEW DELHI: Sebi on Tuesday sent a notice to Yes Bank's former MD and CEO Rana Kapoor, asking him to pay ₹2.22 crore in a case of mis-selling the private sector lender's AT1 bonds and warned of arrest and attachment of assets as well as bank accounts if he fails to make the payment within 15 days. Kapoor has been in jail since March 2020 in connection with the DHFL money laundering case. The demand notice came after Kapoor failed to pay the fine imposed on him by market regulator Sebi in September 2022. PTI

SBI LIFE PROFIT UP 45% TO ₹381 CR

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

SBI Life Insurance on Tuesday reported a 45% rise in net profit at ₹381 crore for the June quarter.

The private sector life insurer, promoted by country's largest lender SBI, had posted a net profit of ₹263 crore during the April-June period of 2022-23.

The company's gross written premium during the June quarter rose 19 per cent to Rs 13,560 crore as against ₹11,350 crore in the year-ago

period, SBI Life said in a release. New Business Premium (NBP) has grown 11% to ₹6,210 crore in Q1FY24, aided by growth in single premium business by 18%, it said. Asset under management grew by 25% from ₹2,62,350 crore as on June 30, 2022, to ₹3,28,280 crore as on June 30, 2023, with a debt-equity mix of 69:31, it said.

The company's net worth increased by 15 per cent from ₹11,760 crore as on June 30, 2022, to ₹13,530 crore as of June 30, 2023, it added.

BAJAJ AUTO PAT UP 42% TO ₹1,665 CR

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

BAJAJ AUTO on Tuesday reported a 42% jump in standalone profit after tax (PAT) to ₹1,665 crore in the June 2023 quarter.

The Pune-based vehicle maker had reported a standalone PAT of ₹1,173 crore in Q1FY23, according to a company statement.

Revenue from operations during the quarter under review grew 29% to ₹10,310 crore as against ₹8,005 crore clocked in the first quarter of

the previous fiscal, Bajaj Auto said. The total vehicle sales (two-wheelers and commercial vehicles) stood at 10,27,407 units in Q1FY24, registering a growth of 10% against 9,33,646 units sold in the same quarter of FY23. Total two-wheeler sales grew 5% to 8,89,330 units as against 8,47,158 units in the June quarter of last fiscal, while the total CV volumes were recorded at 1,38,077 units during the quarter under review vis-a-vis 86,488 units sold a year ago, a growth of 60%, it said.

ASIAN PAINTS PROFIT RISES 52%

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

ASIAN PAINTS on Tuesday reported a 52% jump in consolidated net profit to ₹1,574.84 crore in the June quarter, led by a double-digit volume and value growth in decorative business as well as softening of material prices.

It had posted a net profit of ₹1,036.03 crore during the April-June period of 2022-23. The consolidated sales rose 6.7% to ₹9,153.79 crore in the first quarter of this fiscal. In the year-ago period, the same

stood at ₹8,578.88 crore, it said in a regulatory filing. Total expenses were almost flat at ₹7,305.09 crore in the latest June quarter compared to Rs 7,287.84 crore in the corresponding period a year ago. Total income during the quarter was at ₹9,379.38 crore, an increase of 7.73%. During the June quarter, Asian Paints reported a "double-digit volume and healthy value growth in decorative business" and its industrial business saw a "double-digit revenue growth trajectory," the filing said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to purchase the Schedule Property from its owner **Smt.D.NANDITHA VASUDEVI**, W/o. D.S Vasudev/Residing at "Sree Lakshmi" No.155/E-17th Main, Vijayanagar - 2nd Stage, **BANGALORE-560 040** having acquired the same by way of Sale Deed dated **08.06.2001**.

If anyone having Claim, right over the **SCHEDULE PROPERTY** may intimate the same to the undersigned within 07 Days following which it will be deemed that nobody else has claim over the property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing **HASB No.345/B [old No.345]** constructed on No.10, having its **PID No.83-81-345/B**, situated at 7th Main, Garakamanyahana Palaya, Sri C.V.Raman Nagar, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore, Along with a dwelling duplex house constructed twenty years back ground floor consists of two bed room and in the first floor two bed room house with electricity and water connections. Which now comes under the jurisdiction of **BBMP Ward No.58/Heathpandra** measuring East to West 32 feet, North to South 36 + 402 feet, in all measuring **1248 Sq feet. AND BOUNDED**:-

East by : 20 Ft Wide Road
West by : Site No.11 [Private Property]
North by : 20 Ft Wide Road
South by : Site No.5 [Private Property]
B.B.SUDHIR, ADVOCATE
No.334,99th Main, 14th Cross,
Indiranagar, **BANGALORE-560038**
Mob: 98450 22593

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BEHALF OF OUR CLIENT

IN THE COURT OF THE VI ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL JUDGE (CCH-11) AT BANGALORE

P & S.No. 903/2023

BETWEEN: MANESH V.P. aged about 33 Years S/o. V. Prabhakar Naidu, R/at No.69, 1st Floor, 5th Cross, Balaji Layout, Behind Bhavani Shankar Temple, Vidyaapeeta circle, **BANGALORE-560050...PETITIONER**

AND: NIL...RESPONDENT

NOTICE

Whereas the above named Petitioners have made a Petition to the Hon'ble Court (CCH-11) under section 37/2 of Indian Succession Act, 1925 praying for issue of Succession certificate in respect of estate as below scheduled. The below mentioned schedule has held by Smt. Late. Sumithra, wife of petitioner herein who expired on 13.02.2022.

Interested parties are hereby called to appear in this Court in person or by pleader duly instructed on **02/09/2023 at 11 'a' Clock** forenoon to show cause against the petition failing wherein, the matter will be heard and determined ex-parte.

SCHEDULE
Approximately the sum of Rs. 3,00,000/- due to Sri Smt. Sumithra who was employed as Order Management Supervisor 1 in Caterpillar towards Provident Fund benefits.

Given under my name and seal of the Court on this 19/07/2023.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.

A.M. GAJENDRA, Advocate
3rd Cross, 3rd Main, BSK 3rd Stage, Opp to Bank of Baroda, Katragutta Main Road, Bangalore-560065.

PUBLIC NOTICE

To The General Public large, we hereby notify that, our client, **Sri G. Shivananda**, S/o Gangadharaappa, aged about 57 years, Residing at No. 81C, S.G.House, 2nd Cross Road, Telecom Layout, Jakkur Post, Bengaluru-560 064, have intended to purchase immovable property from Sri. Prabhakar V.S/o. Veerabhadraachari, Aged about 52 years, Rst. 122, Near Hot Ration Dipo, Kodigehalli, Bengaluru- 560 092. Same Sy No. 134/1A measuring 9 guntas situated at Kodigehalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru North, bound on:

East: by Sy No 134/8 Land, **West**: by Sy No 133/2 Land, **North**: by Sy No 134/18 Land, **South**: by Sy No 134 Land
The persons who are claiming any rights and interest, like over the above mentioned property may kindly reply to us along with their objections, claims, title, interest, pending litigations, tenancy, mortgage, charge, lien or demand or any other interest of whatsoever in nature along with documentary evidence in respect of the above mentioned, property within 10 days from this publication of Notice or otherwise it will be considered has no claims to the above mentioned property to purchase the same from our clients and no claims and objections will be entertained after the period expiry of this notice and shall not bind on our clients anymore.

AJAY KUMAR Advocate,
KAR. 19191022

#201, 1st Floor, Mamatha Apartments, Above IDC Hotel, Near Jain Temple, Gandhinagar 4th Main, Bangalore-09
Mob: 959605556
Email: ajaykm41@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Sri Ravi S/o Late Revana Siddhappa, would like to inform general public that he has lost the original Sale deed bearing document No. 597/2015-16, Book No.1, CD No.KEND599, in SRO Jayanagara (Kengeri), dated 20-04-2015 for property bearing **BMPM Khata No.3421/1142/10/2**, property No.10/2, Chikka Gowdappa Village, Khata No.142, measuring 28x15 feet situated at Rajkeshwari ward, Ward No. 188, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, he has lost the document on **23/07/2023 at near Bangalore Kengeri Bus Stop** finders please contact:

Sri Prashanth Kumar, Advocate,
1st main, 1st floor, Kommagatta Main Road Kengeri Satellite Town, Bangalore-560060.
Mobile No. 9916742000

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client is intending to purchase the property more fully described under the schedule to this notice from its owner Shri Syed Habbibur Rahman Hussaini, aged about 51 years, son Sri S. F. R. Hussaini, residing at #441/32, 1st Cross, 6th Main, Wilson Garden, Bengaluru - 560 027, for a valuable consideration. Anybody who has have got any claims whatsoever over the said schedule property may lodge their respective objections/claims within **SEVEN** days from the date of publication of this notice to the undersigned. If no objections/claims received from anybody within **SEVEN** days of the publication of this notice, then my client will proceed to purchase the schedule property and any objections/claims received subsequent to the above period will not be considered.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of residential house constructed on the property bearing **S.No. 75, Ketha No.5-85-6/2/75**, Bommarahalli OMC, Ketha No.162, in the layout formed by the Bank Officers' Co-operative Housing Society Limited, Bengaluru, presently comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru, having new Katha No.156/155/162/156/3/375, situated at Dorebanipalya Village, Bilekahalli Dahlie, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk bounded on:

East: by : Site No.74
West: by : Site No.76
North: by : Site No.96
South: by : 60 Feet Road
Measuring East to West: 40 feet; North to South: (68+71)/2 Feet, in all measuring 2,780 square feet, along with 15.23 squares R.CC roofed residential house in the Ground Floor, mosaic flooring, doors and windows are made of teak wood, having all civic amenities.

K. KRISHNASWAMY, Advocate
No. 21/2, 2nd Floor, 1st Main Road, Gandhinagar, **BANGALORE - 560 009**
BANGALORE DATE: 25-7-2023

IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1 BANGALORE
BSNL 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhawan Road, Bengaluru-560001

O.A. No. 1737/2018

BETWEEN: Bank of Baroda, Chintamani Branch...APPLICANT

AND: Mr. Channabasappa and Ors ...DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL ACT, 1953 TO DEFENDANTS THROUGH PAPER PUBLICATION

To, 1. **Channabasappa**, S/o Marappa, aged Major, R/at Tippenahalli Village, Ambaji Durga Hobli, Chintamani Taluk.
2. **Muniswamy** (LR of D2), S/o B.M. Manjunatha, aged about 45 years, R/at No. 8, Bandenahalli, Papathimmanahalli, Chintamani Taluk, Karnataka-563159.
3. **Amaranth** (LR of D2), S/o. Muniswamy, aged Major R/at No. 8, Bandenahalli, Papathimmanahalli, Chintamani Taluk, Karnataka-563159.

Whereas the applicant Bank has instituted an application under Section 19 of the Recovery of the Debts Due to Banks and Bankruptcy Act, 1953, against you for the recovery of sum of **Rs. 12,63,127.5/- (Twelve Lakhs Sixty-Three Thousand One Hundred and Twenty-Seven Rupees and Five Paisa)** with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs. You hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of the summons on or before **29-08-2023 at 10:30 AM** in the forenoon in person or by a Pleador/Advocate duly instructed to appear for the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in default of appearance, on the day mentioned hereinabove, the proceedings will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Hon'ble Tribunal on 04-07-2023.

By order of the Tribunal, Assistant Registrar, debts Recovery Tribunal-1 at Bangalore.

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1 AT BANGALORE
4th Floor, Telephone House Building, Rajbhawan Road, Bengaluru-560001

O.A. No. 179/2022

BETWEEN : STATE BANK OF INDIA, SME Centre, Banaswadi, Bangalore...

APPLICANT

AND: M/s. PHYSIO FIT FITNESS and others... DEFENDANTS

TO DEFENDANTS No.2: Sri. R. SHANMUGA SUNDARAM, aged about 32 years, S/o M. Rajendran, R/at Flat No.C-1/3, Guna Gopal Complex, S.D.Singh Path, Kadma, Jamshedpur-831005.
DEFENDANTS No.3: Sri. NALLA THAMBI. R. aged about 35 years, S/o. Rajendran Thambi R/at No.4/7/1, 2nd Floor, Muthalamba Temple Road, Dooparahalli, Bengaluru-560036.

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF DEBT PROCEDURE) RULE 1996 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

WHEREAS, the Applicant has instituted an application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1953 against the Defendant for recovery of Rs. 33,16,617/- (Rupees thirty three lakh sixteen thousand six hundred and seventeen only) inclusive interest till 24-11-2021 along with future interest @ 9.10% per annum with monthly rests from 25-11-2021 to till the date of realization of entire claim amount along with cost of the proceedings and for the reliefs.

2) You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days of the service of the summons or on 23-11-2023 at 10:30 AM in the forenoon in person or pleader/advocate duly instructed has to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

3) Take notice that, in default of your appearance on the day mentioned herein before, the proceedings will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on 04-07-2023.

By order of the Tribunal, Assistant Registrar, debts Recovery Tribunal-1 at Bangalore.

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1 BANGALORE
BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Rajbhawan Road, Bengaluru-560001

O. A. No. 71/2022

BETWEEN: Union Bank of India, Chandapura, Bangalore...APPLICANT

AND: M/s Raghavendra Industries and others...DEFENDANT

TO DEFENDANT: 1. M/s Raghavendra Industries, A proprietorship Firm represented by its proprietor Mr. Tirumurugan C. S/o Keshava Naidu Chandrasekar, At No.17/5, 1st main, Krishna Reddy Layout, Konappana Agrahara, Electronic City Post, Bengaluru-560100 Mob:962088344, Also an Shop No.41, 5th Cross KM 16.5, 1st Main, AEC Layout, Bengaluru-560099

2. **M/s Raghavendra Industries**, A partnership Firm represented by its Partner Mr. Tirumurugan C. S/o Keshava Naidu Chandrasekar Office at Site No.11 and 12, S4, No.26/49, Behind Halimnagar Layout, Bommasandra Industrial Area, Bengaluru 560 099. **PAN: A A V F 5392 M**, Email:raghavendraindr2017@gmail.com
3. **Mr. Tirumurugan C.** S/o Keshava Naidu Chandrasekar, aged about 45 years, At No.17/5, 1st main, Krishna Reddy Layout, Konappana Agrahara, Electronic City Post, Bengaluru-560100. Mob:962088344 PAN:AMPP17498M

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993.

Whereas the applicant has instituted original application under Section 19 of the Recovery of the Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act 1953 against you for the recovery of sum of Rs.22,15,085.53 (Rupees Twenty Two Lakh Fifteen Thousand and Eighty Five and Paise Fifteen Only) together with interest out of which Defendant No.1 is liable to pay a sum of Rs.12,19,622.14 (Rupees Twelve Lakh Nineteen Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty Two and paisea Fourteen Only) is due as on 12-10-2021 along with interest @ 9.85 p.a. compounded monthly rests in Account No.7219050190000103 from the date of the application till realization and the Defendants No.2 to 4 are jointly and severally liable to pay a sum of Rs.9,95,463.39 (Rupees Nine Lakh Ninety Five Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty Three and Paisea Thirty Nine Only) is due as on 12-10-2021 along with interest @ 9.85 p.a. compounded monthly rests in account No.7219050190000103 from the date of the application till realization and other reliefs.

The above mentioned defendant's is/are therefore hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly authorized agent of his/her defense to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **11-09-2023 at 11:00 AM** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted. Take summons that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and by the seal of this tribunal on 28-04-2023.

By order of the Tribunal, Registrar, debts Recovery Tribunal-1 at Bangalore.

PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY e-TENDER CALL NOTICE
TD/TM/GEN-235/Vol-VII/23/5767
Date: 24.07.2023

Name of the Work: 'Allotment of 05 (Five) nos. of Mechanical Iron Ore/Pure Pellet plants at IOHP'. License Fees : **Rs. 2,90,68,710/-**, Wharfage Fees : **Rs. 18,98,620/-**. Last date & time of submission of bid: **14.08.2023 up to 15:00 hrs.** Date and time of opening (technical bid): **14.08.2023 up to 15:00 hrs.** Refer our Website for details <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> & <http://paradipport.gov.in/>

Sd/-Traffic Manager
Paradip Port Authority
PPA/PR/37/2023-24 **dt:25.07.2023**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby notified that my client propose to purchase the below mentioned Property from Mr. Bala Subramanian Manikandan S/o Bala Subramanian, Residing at # 1348, Door No.581 [T] 3rd Floor, 'A' Block, 18th Main, AEC Layout, Singasandra, Bangalore and the below schedule property registered document as BGR/107533/2017/18 CD No. BGR0324 Dated on 15/02/2018 any persons objections for the proposed purchase or having any right in schedule property may lodge their objections within 10 Days from the date of the Publication.

SCHEDULE
The Residential Apartment bearing No. R-105, 1st Floor, in the project PRAGA Upliftment, measuring 1008 Sq Ft with top covered car parking space situated at Doddahogur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore bounded on:

East by : 6 Feet Wide Corridor, **West** by : Flat No. R-106, North by : Open Deck and 6 Feet wide Corridor, **South** by : Open to Sky.

N. LAKSHMINATHI, Advocate
6, 'Gangadevi Nilaya', 3rd Cross, Chikka Thogur Gate, Behind Poonam Furniture House, Electronic City Post, Bangalore - 560 100.
Date : 25.07.2023

NOTICE

Our clients Sri B. Manohar Lal, Sri A. Ashok Kumar Baritha and Sri Ragesh Baritha are the owners of the schedule properties. They have transacted with Mr. K.N. RAGHU, Mr. HANUMANTHA REDDY and Mr. MADHU KUMAR R.S. in respect of the Schedule "A and B" Properties on the basis of the Agreement of Sale dated 22nd August 2022 and the General Power of Attorney dated 22nd August 2022. In view of the default committed by aforesaid three persons in favour of our clients, our clients have terminated the Agreement of Sale dated 22nd August 2022 and also revoked the powers given to them under General Power of Attorney dated 22nd August 2022 in respect of the Schedule A Property and Schedule B Property and they have no power to transaction or deal with the Schedule A Property and Schedule B Property. As such general power are hereby caution not to transact with the aforesaid three persons in respect of the Schedule A and B Properties on the basis of Agreement of Sale dated 22nd August 2022 and on the basis of the General Power of Attorney dated 22nd August 2022. If any person transacted with Mr. K.N. RAGHU, Mr. HANUMANTHA REDDY and Mr. MADHU KUMAR R.S. they will be doing so at their own risk and such transaction does not bind our clients in any manner and they are not answerable to any person for the same stated above.

SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the Agricultural land bearing Sy.No.19, situated at Kondasapura Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Measuring 2-00 (Two Acres), bounded on the:-
East: by Land of Sri. Anniah, S/o Lakshmanah; **West**: by Land belongs to Sri Thippiah, North by : Land belongs to Sri Chowdappa, South by : Land belongs to Thippiah and Sri Chowdappa.

SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the Agricultural land bearing Sy.No.22, situated at Kondasapura Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Measuring 2-00 (Two Acres), bounded on the:-
East: by Land of Smt. Manikamamma, West by : Land of Sri Erappa, North by : Land of Sri Erappa, South by : Land of Sri Chattala Seemanna and Sri Gopanna.

SRI PANDYONNI LAW CHAMBERS
Ground Floor, Central Chambers, No.113, 2nd Main Gandhinagar, **BANGALORE - 560009**,
Bangalore, Date : 25-07-2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that our client **Mr.Balaraju.B**, aged about 51 years, Site Late Batchu Lakshmi Narayan, Residing at No.11, Ground Floor, 18th Cross, Lakshadanga Extension, Laljnagar, Bangalore-560030, represents that the Original Sale deed dated 06.08.2011, Registered as Document No.SR-1-12/7952011-12, C.D.No.SRJ76, in the office of Sri Jayarath Acharya, dated 16.08.2011, in the office of the Sub Registrar Sarigada enacted by WIS Concept City Developers rep by its managing partner K.S.Rajasekar conveyed the schedule property to and in favour of Smt.S.Hemavathi Sudan, in respect of the Schedule Property mentioned hereunder, is lost/misplace and not traceable.

If anybody other than the said Mr.Balaraju.B has any claim, right, title and interest on the **SCHEDULE PROPERTY** by virtue of being in possession or otherwise of the above said Original Documents, or any Rights they should file their claim with documentary proof within **SEVEN** days from the date of issuance of this Public Notice to our office, at the address mentioned below, failing which, it will be taken for granted that nobody has any manner of right, title, interest or claim over the **SCHEDULE PROPERTY** other than the said Sri Balaraju.B.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of Property bearing **Site No.136, VIKAS NAGAR**, Katha No.97/136, of Mugalur Grampanachayath, carved out of converted land bearing Sy No.59/3 of Koothanagahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, converted from Agriculture to Non-Agriculture residential purpose vide official memorandum dated 16.03.2002 bearing No.AN (A.S) SR.1972009-09 issued by Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Dist, and the layout plan also approved by Anekal Planning Authority vide its order dated 18.06.2009 bearing No. APALA/01/101/2008-09 and release order also obtained on 18.06.2009 vide order bearing No.APALA/01/101/2008-09, measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South 30 feet in all measuring 1500 Sq.ft., and is bounded on the:-
East: by Private Property; **West** by : 30 mtrs **IMP Road**; North by : Site No.135; South by : Site No.137;

C.V.Nagendra, Advocate
SNS Law Associates
No.10, 3rd Cross, 3rd Cross, Opp to Karnataka Bank, Kumbura Street, K.R. Pura, Bangalore-560036.

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Notification No. 8043 /OSMCL/2023 Date: 24.07.2023

NOTICE INVITING E-Tender for SUPPLY, INSTALLATION & COMMISSIONING OF RADIOLOGY EQUIPMENT ON RATE CONTRACT BASIS

CAD-1418: Online Bids through e-Tender portal (<https://tendersodisha.gov.in>) are invited from eligible bidders for supply, Installation & commissioning of Equipment as per the particulars mentioned below:

Sl. Bid Reference No. Item Name Bid Document Cost inclusive of GST (Rs.)

1 OSMCL/2023-24/ Radiology_EOP /06 Tender for supply, installation & commissioning of Radiology Equipment on Rate Contract basis.

Rs. 5,900/-

Sl. No. Particulars Date and time

1. Date & time of release of bid 24/07/2023, 5 PM

2. Date & time of Pre-Bid Meeting 31/07/2023, 03.00 PM

3. Date & time of Online bid submission 04/08/2023, 3 PM

4. Date & time of online Technical bid opening 31/08/2023, 3 PM

5. Date of opening of Price Bid To be informed to the qualified bidders

The bid document with all information relating to the bidding process including cost of bid document, Prequalification criteria and terms & conditions are available in the websites: www.osmcl.nic.in and <https://tendersodisha.gov.in>. The Authority reserves the right to accept / reject any part thereof or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/- Managing Director, OSMCL

OIPR-10112/11/0011/2324

PUBLIC NOTICE

DOCUMENT MISSING

This to inform and notify the Public in General that the original Sale Deed dated 06.03.2017 executed by "The Ministry of Communications Employees' Co-operative Housing Society Ltd." in favour of "Narasimha S/o Late. Narasimhaiah" registered before the Senior Sub-Registrar, Malleshwaram, Bangalore bearing registration No.MLS-1-03513-2016-17 stored in C.D.No.ML5021 with respect to the all that piece and parcel of Site No.553 carved out of Sy.No.42 of Hosahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, named as "New Bangalore City", coming under the jurisdiction of Sathanur Gram Panchayat, having Khata No.418/432/553 and property ID No.15200202060505071 measuring 1200 Sq. Ft., has been lost / misplaced. In the regard, Lost Report is also registered with the Karnataka State Police vide Lost Report No.06/815/58/2023 dated 16.06.2023. Any person/s who finds the above/retained original sale deed or is in possession of the same, is hereby requested to hand over the same to the below mentioned person:

Mr. NARASAPPA, S/o Late. Narasimhaiah, Rta No.38, Machappa, Bangalore - 560091.
Mob: +91 9242048520

IN THE COURT OF XIX ADDL. THE CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALURU

O.S. No. 9769/2014 (CCH-18)

Plaintiff : **Mrs. Bernadine Vds D'souza**, S/o Eugene Thomas, W/o Mrs. Edwin D'souza, R/o Bernad Vill, Adarsh Nagar, Sri No.1, Matost Colony, Near Majari Bai School, Dighe, NAGRA - 411015

Defendants : **Mrs. Peggy Mooren Lewis** and another

NOTICE / SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANT TO PROPOSED DEFENDANTS No. 5 to 8

5. Mrs. Karen Brown W/o. Derek Brown, D/o. Late. Carl Norman Lewis Aged about 62 years,

6. Mr. Clinton Jude Lewis S/o. Late. Carl Norman Lewis, Aged about 53 years,

7. Mr. Jeffery Joseph Lewis S/o. Late. Carl Norman Lewis, Aged about 50 years,

8. Mr. Kevin Lewis S/o. Late. Carl Norman Lewis, Aged about 57 years, Residing at No. 5/1, Railway Priade, LID Combe, NSW 2141, Australia.

Also all are residing at No.15, MDM Road, Fraser Town, Bangalore-560005.

Whereas, the above named plaintiff instituted a suit for partition in respect of the schedule property mentioned below, wherein filed application to impound you in the above suit.

You are hereby summoned to appear before this court on **11/8/2023 at 11.00 am** in person or through advocate to answer the question to the same. Failing which the suit will be heard and determined as ex-parte.

SCHEDULE

Item - 1 : All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Old No.37, New No. 15, situated at M.M. Road, Fraser Town, Bangalore-560005, measuring East to West 99 ft., and North to South 71 ft., and bounded as follows: **East** : by Private property, **West** by : private property, **North** by : Road, **South** by : Consensary lane.

Item - 2 :</



Katie Ledecky won the gold medal in the women's 1,500-meter freestyle in dominating fashion at the swimming world championships on a day that saw fellow American Ryan Murphy triumph in the men's 100 backstroke. Ledecky led throughout her race Tuesday to win in 15 minutes, 26.27 seconds.

BCCI announces 2023-24 home calendar

GOMESH S @ Chennai

HYDERABAD, Visakhapatnam, Rajkot, Ranchi and Dharamsala will host the five Test matches India will play against England early next year (January 25 - March 7). The white-ball series against Afghanistan, initially supposed to be played in June this year, is set to happen in January (11-17) Mohali, Indore and Bengaluru hosting the three T20Is. This was announced by the BCCI on Tuesday.

The men's bilateral home season featuring three ODIs, eight T20Is and five Tests begin with the 50-over series against Australia. Mohali is the venue for the first ODI on September 22, two weeks before the World Cup. Indore and Rajkot will also be hosting the three-match series that will go on till September 27. Visakhapatnam, Thiruvananthapuram, Guwa-

Australia series: 1st ODI: Sept 22, Mohali, **2nd ODI:** Sept 24, Indore, **3rd ODI:** Sept 27, Rajkot; **1st T20I:** Nov 23, Visakhapatnam, **2nd T20I:** Nov 26, Thiruvananthapuram, **3rd T20I:** Nov 28, Guwahati, **4th T20I:** Dec 1, Nagpur, **5th T20I:** Dec 3, Hyderabad; **Afghanistan series: 1st T20I:** Jan 11, Mohali, **2nd T20I:** Jan 14, Indore, **3rd T20I:** Jan 17, Bengaluru; **England series: 1st Test:** Jan 25-29, Hyderabad, **2nd Test:** Feb 2-6, Visakhapatnam, **3rd Test:** Feb 15-19, Rajkot, **4th Test:** Feb 23-27, Ranchi, **5th Test:** Mar 3-7, Dharamsala).

INDIA MEN home fixtures

hati, Nagpur and Hyderabad are the venues for the five T20Is the two teams will play less than a week after the marquee event finishes in Ahmedabad.

While it seems like the BCCI have allotted all the bilateral matches largely to venues that are not part of the global event, the biggest talking point is the fact that the major centres have been ignored for the marquee Test series against England. Dharamsala is understood to have gotten the fixture as it missed out on the match against Australia earlier this year. Each

of the venues may face trouble in selling out Test tickets. In fact, it has been a pattern for a while. Kolkata last hosted a Test match in 2019. Mumbai and Chennai last had Tests in 2021. Bengaluru was in March 2022.

Former India skipper Virat Kohli had spoken about it back in 2019. "We've been discussing this for a long time now, and in my opinion we should have five 'Test centres, period,'" Kohli had said, after the Ranchi Test against South Africa in 2019. "I mean, I agree (with) state asso-

ciations and rotation and giving games and all that, that is fine for T20 and one-day cricket, but Test cricket, teams coming to India should know, 'we're going to play at these five centres, these are the pitches we're going to expect, these are the kind of people that will come to watch, crowds'. It can't be sporadic and spread over so many places where people turn up or they don't, so in my opinion, absolutely."

Meanwhile, the women, who are scheduled to face South Africa, New Zealand, England and Australia at home as per the FTP, are still waiting about the venues. While it's understood that the series against South Africa and New Zealand have been postponed, there has been no official confirmation. The multi-format series versus England and Australia is also still very much in the calendar for December.

Brij Bhushan and son Karan not on electoral college, but hold edge

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

IT was expected when the returning officer Justice MM Kumar, retired chief justice of J&K High Court, revised the schedule of the Wrestling Federation of India election for the third time on Saturday. But not many would have imagined the changes which eventually were made to the electoral college published on Tuesday. Just for the record, the RO said he deferred the dates on the request of the ad hoc committee member Bhupender Singh Bajwa.

One of the prominent changes is the exclusion of the sidelined WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh and his son Karan from the list. The state association will now be represented by its secretary Prem Kumar Mishra and vice-president Sanjay Singh in the special general meeting on August 12.

Besides, the Assam Wrestling Association, which got affiliation only a few days ago, will have a representative from Haryana in the form of BJP leader Devender Kadian apart from its president Ratul Sarma. Railway Sports Promotion Board secretary Prem Chand Lochab, who earlier tried to en-

ter the election process via his home state Rajasthan (and was rejected), will now be a part of it through Gujarat. Himachal Pradesh Wrestling Association secretary Jagdish Kumar's name has been removed. The state unit will now be represented by Kuldip Singh and Rajender Singh. Former national champion in 68kg wrestler Anita Sheoran, an inspector with Haryana police and reportedly one of witnesses in the sexual harassment cases against Brij Bhushan, will join Odisha's secretary Kishor Behera in the meeting. Incidentally, she is the lone woman on the list.

Interestingly, Justice Kumar, while revising the schedule, had made it clear citing the WFI constitution that the state units should only send names of their executive members and not ordinary members or outsiders who are not eligible to be nominated. However, the same seemingly was not followed while preparing the electoral college.

As Maharashtra and Tripura were found ineligible by the returning officer, a total of 50 votes will be cast if the election happens. Despite the changes and his name missing from the

electoral college, Brij Bhushan's faction seems to hold an edge. "They managed to change six names unconstitutionally. How can they do it when most of them are not members of executive committees of the state units? Despite that, the numbers are with Brij Bhushan. It's clear that his son will not contest but given the votes he has, candidates backed by him will only win the election unless some kind of compromise formula is devised," said a source in the know of things.

Sports Code ignored

The electoral college might be out but it seems to be in violation of the National Sports Development Code of India, 2011. The code makes it mandatory to include prominent sportspersons of outstanding merit as members of the respective sports federations. "The strength of such prominent sportspersons with voting rights should be a certain minimum percentage (say 25%) of the total members representing the federation and selection of such sportspersons should be in consultation with this Department," says the code.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

PROGRESS REPORT

With the two-match Test series against West Indies coming to an end, here's a look at how the Indian team fared...

JAISSAL HAS ARRIVED

The biggest takeaway is the way Yashasvi Jaiswal has taken to international cricket like fish to water. His performances on debut have shown that the left-hander in for the long haul and we will see a lot more of him in coming years.

WHAT NEXT FOR RAHANE?

From dropped to called back for WTC final to made deputy, Rahane had come a full circle, but the returns in this series might have brought him back to square one. With no Test match till December, will he be in the scheme of things when they tour South Africa?

RISE OF SIRAJ

The pacer registered his first fiver in well over two years, but he showed more than that. He showed why he is a far superior bowler, not just in skill, but in stature as well and is well on course to be India's spearhead.

ROHIT'S FIRST AWAY TEST WIN

He became Test captain about two years ago, yet this series was Rohit Sharma's first Test win outside home. And it's telling, considering the team is in transition and Rohit is not getting any younger. How long will his workload allow him to lead in ODIs and Tests (he hasn't played T20Is since World Cup), we will have to wait and see. On field, he is still stacking up runs, taking on bowlers and hitting sixes as he always does.

SERIES TO FORGET FOR GILL

Having asked for a chance to bat at his preferred position, that is No. 3, Shubman Gill has not made the most of it. While he might be given a longer rope in that position, for now, the youngster would be kicking himself for not stamping his authority in the whites yet.

KOHLI'S SECOND WIND GATHERS PACE

After missing out on one in the first Test, Virat Kohli did himself a favour by scoring his first overseas Test ton in almost five years. While he is not the accumulator that he was anymore, it is safe to say that the former skipper has moved on from his slump.

ASHWIN ACES IT

R Ashwin, in his first Test outside subcontinent since January 2022, returned with a 12-wicket haul, especially after the team management received flak for not picking him for the WTC final. He took his tally to 489, showing why he is the best off-spinner in the country. Does it warrant him a place in India's next Test match (in South Africa), you cannot say for sure.



QUESTIONS

While **Jaiswal** and **Siraj** have done well, there are questions, especially with no Test matches for over four months. Will Pujara comeback if he has a stellar domestic season? Who is line to be groomed as Rohit's successor? Has Ishan Kishan done enough to retain his place as second-choice Test keeper? Only time will tell.

Two-match ban for Kaur after Dhaka outburst

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

AFTER her outburst in the third ODI against Bangladesh and comments in the post-match press conference, India captain Harmanpreet Kaur has been handed a two-match suspension by the International Cricket Council (ICC) for breaching the Code of Conduct. As a result, she will miss the start of Asian Games, where India will be making their debut in cricket, with her deputy Smriti Mandhana leading in her absence.

"Harmanpreet Kaur has been suspended for the next two international matches following two separate breaches of the ICC Code of Conduct," said the ICC in a statement. "Kaur was fined 50 percent of her match fee for the Level 2 offence and received three demerit points on her disciplinary record. She was found guilty of breaching article 2.8 of the ICC Code of Conduct for Players and Player Support Personnel, relating to 'showing dissent at an umpire's decision,'" the statement read.

With the series level 1-1, India were trying to win the contest against Bangladesh on Saturday. Kaur, who was given out off a Nahida Akter delivery while trying to sweep, shattered the stumps in frustration at the decision, indicating that the decision was not fair. The match ended in a tie. She also termed the umpiring "pathetic" in the post-match presentation and said that the umpires too should be joining the teams for the group photo.

Historic WC win for Philippines; Norway suffer blow



Philippines' forward Sarina Bolden (L) celebrates scoring her team's first goal against New Zealand in the FIFA World Cup game at Wellington on Tuesday | AFP

AGENCIES @ Wellington

THE Philippines won a World Cup match for the first time as they stunned co-hosts New Zealand on Tuesday but former champions Norway suffered a double blow to leave their hopes in the balance. Philippines coach Alen Stajcic said on the eve of the New Zealand match his side wanted to "crash the party", and they did just that with a gutsy 1-0 victory in front of 32,357 fans in Wellington.

Sarina Bolden scored the only goal with a header for a famous Philippines win — the country's first at either a men's or women's World Cup. Switzerland and

Norway — who lost star striker Ada Hegerberg moments before kickoff with injury — then drew 0-0 in the Hamilton rain, leaving the Swiss in the driving seat in Group A. Switzerland are top with four points, one ahead of New Zealand and debutants the Philippines. Norway have scored no goals and garnered just one point. Switzerland just need to avoid defeat against New Zealand on Sunday to reach the last 16.

Philippines could join them in the knockout stage, but no matter what happens next up against Norway, beating the Women's World Cup hosts will live long in the memory.

COUNTDOWN BEGINS

How Paris and France turned to the 2024 Olympics to heal

AGENCIES @ Paris

FOR the mayor of Paris, the city's journey to next year's Olympic Games included an epiphany born of brutality: the slaughter of 17 people by gunmen acting in the names of al-Qaida and the Islamic State group. Anne Hidalgo says the 2015 attacks at a provocative satirical newspaper and a kosher Parisian supermarket were "truly fundamental" in steering her to the idea of bringing the Games back to the French capital for the first time since 1924. With the country outraged and hurting from the bloodshed, she saw the Olympics as an opportunity for France to rebound

and heal.

"What really scared me at that moment was to hear young people, even children, explain that the terrorists were heroes and that Charlie was guilty of having pushed freedom of expression too far," Hidalgo says, referring to Charlie Hebdo, the newspaper that repeatedly caricatured the Muslim Prophet Muhammad. "I said to myself that things were really, really, really bad, and that we absolutely had to find something that also provides perspective, momentum, to young people, to the country. And the Games can be

this unifying moment."

Rarely has that need been more pressing for France, a country that has lurched from crisis to crisis since 2017, when Paris was chosen to host the Games. And seldom have the Olympics been as eagerly anticipated, coming after the global losses and separations caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, and against the backdrop of war in Ukraine. The picture-postcard city aims to use its charms to wow audiences, starting with an unprecedented waterborne opening extravaganza on July 26, 2024. But the context, in France and be-

OLYMPIC TORCH UNVEILED

The torch that will be used to carry the Olympic flame around France and on its final leg at the opening ceremony of the 2024 Paris Games next July is a sleek silver-colored cylinder of recycled steel that is gracefully tapered at both ends and is being made in limited numbers to save resources. Paris organizers unveiled French designer Mathieu Lehanneur's torch design Tuesday — part of a week of activities that mark the year-to-go countdown to the July 26 opening. Organizers said 2,000 torches — five times fewer than for some previous editions of the Olympics — are being produced from recycled steel. Each one weighs 1.5 kilograms (3.3 pounds) and is 70 centimeters (27.5 inches) tall. Paris is using the same torch design for both the Olympics and Paralympic Games.

yond, is tricky. Rioting across France last month, triggered by the fatal police shooting of a teenager in the Paris suburbs,

laid bare social, racial and political divides that undercut the image of a confident, can-do France that Games organizers

want to project. Before those six nights of violence, there were also protests this year against President Emmanuel Macron's pension reforms. Taken together, the unrest raised fears of more turbulence during the Games. Also concerning are investigations by French anti-corruption police into the awarding of a number of contracts.

Organizers insist they remain on track to deliver safe and inclusive Games that also aim to be greener than ever. With projected spending of 8.8 billion euros (\$9.7 billion), the Games should cost considerably less than Tokyo's \$15.4 billion splurge on the pandemic-delayed 2021 Olympics.



New India gets a New ICON for world class exhibitions & global trade activities



Inauguration of
**International
Convention Centre**
(Pragati Maidan)
by
Narendra Modi
Prime Minister



Date: 26th July, 2023 | Time: 6:30 PM
Venue: Pragati Maidan, New Delhi

Salient features of the Convention Centre

India's largest Convention space;
One of the world's top 10 exhibition &
convention complexes like Frankfurt and Shanghai



Spanning over a vast **1.5 lakh sq. mtr.**
of covered area, equivalent to the size
of 26 football fields



Equipped with 7 new monumental
exhibition halls and 3 grand
open-air amphitheatres



Equipped with a **majestic multi-purpose hall &
plenary hall**, having a combined capacity of 7,000
people, which is larger than the seating capacity of
the famous Sydney Opera House in Australia



Parking space for more
than **5,500 vehicles**



**Specially abled and senior citizen's
friendly building**



Excellent **road connectivity** &
proximity to 5-Star hotels



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MSMEs and artisans



**Integrated command and
control centre** for 24x7 monitoring



Ensuring seamless connectivity with
5G Internet and 10G Intranet
bandwidth



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logistical viability & multi-cuisine food &
beverage options, all in one place



Curated art forms & selected materials
sourced from various parts of the country exemplifies
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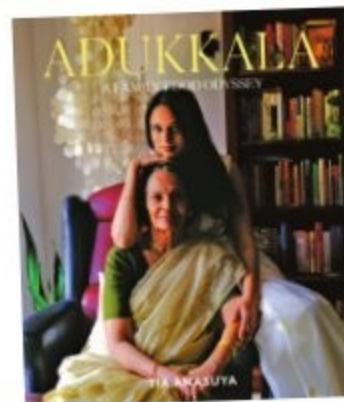


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DAY'S DIARY

Kargil War ends

On this day in 1999, the Kargil armed conflict that took place between India and Pakistan from May to July 1999 came to an end

BACKGROUND

The war was fought over the disputed territories of Kashmir, the area being the primary issue of conflict between India and Pakistan since Independence in 1947



WAR FINALE

The war ended with the aid of international diplomatic intervention. Pakistani troops exited Indian territories killing more than 500 soldiers

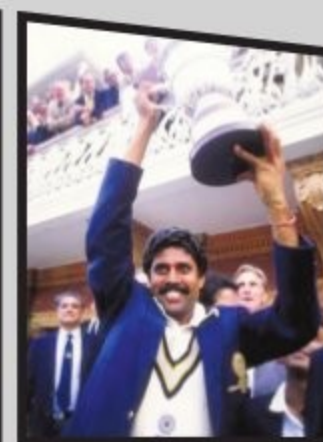


MEDIA AND KARGIL WAR

The Kargil War was one of the first wars to be covered extensively by the media on both sides of the border, but more so on the Indian side

Ode to a matriarch

PG 3



40 years after India lifted the first World Cup trophy, cricket legend Kapil Dev – who was in Bengaluru on Tuesday – still pinches himself in disbelief as much as he does about West Indies not qualifying for the upcoming 2023 ODI World Cup

'I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT'

MONIKA MONALISA

ON June 25, 1983, the Indian cricket team won their first World Cup Trophy and became an important part of the history of Indian sport. It's been 40 years since that day, and people continue to be emotional about the moment. Former Indian cricketer and then captain, Kapil Dev, who led the victorious team, recalls that day as a surreal one. "We still pinch ourselves. We had never imagined we would get so much love," says Kapil, who is still remembered for his 175 not out against Zimbabwe during the match in Tunbridge Wells.

The coveted title came to the team after defeating the mighty West Indies. However, this time two-time champion West Indies failed to qualify for the 2023 ODI World Cup and for Kapil, it is equally shocking as it is for the world. "I still can't believe it. People were so scared of the West Indies. 40 years down, they have not qualified. In my mind, I didn't imagine I would see a day like this," says an absolutely shocked Kapil.

After retiring from cricket, if any other sport got Kapil's attention, it was golf. So it was not surprising when Kapil visited the city to launch the Callaway Performance Centre at the Karnataka Golf Association. "The moment I stopped playing cricket, I started playing golf. I never imagined I would love some other sport so

much. The only thing is if you think cricketers speak about cricket, then golfers are even worse. They play for four hours and talk about it for eight. That is the beauty of the game," explains Kapil.

Golf has also helped him retain the competitiveness of a sportsperson. "Today, I lost ₹500 to these amazing players in the city. But sometimes playing for ₹500 is more thrilling than anything else. It's not betting, it's a thrill that you don't want to lose and the zest you need to have to achieve something," says Kapil.

Not just cricket or golf, there has been a change in the approach of people towards sport in general where many children are picking it up as a career. "That's the best part. In the past, we were producing only doctors and engineers. Now, children want to play sport, and parents are supporting that. My only request to parents is to not get involved too much. Give them space to play, your job is to take care of them. Sit back and let them learn and let the coaches do the job," he says.

Kapil himself was lucky to have been exposed to cricket quite young in his life. He recalls coming to Bengaluru when he was only 10 years old, which was his first visit to the city. "I remember staying close to MG Road. Those were the best parts of playing cricket and enjoying our time. I come from Chandigarh, which has a similar feel – the only difference being the weather," he says.



PHOTO: SHASHI K. B. / THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS

HIGH EXPECTATIONS

Ahead of the ICC World Cup 2023, scheduled to take place in India in October-November, Kapil Dev says it is important for the team to handle the pressure of high expectations. "India will enter the tournament as a favourite, it has always been the case. It depends on how the team deals with the expectations of fans. They are yet to announce the final team of players for India but I hope they are fully prepared," says the former skipper.

KNOW YOUR CITY



Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY

Send answers to bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com with the subject line 'Know Your City Quiz'

Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in CE.

- 1 A walk down some of the prominent streets in Bengaluru carry memories of the city's early life. One such road is 'Promenade Road'. Promenade literally means a leisurely walkway or horse-ride through the town so as to meet or be seen by others. Promenade Road laid by the British on the lands of 'Mootucherry' (as the area was earlier known as before the formation of Cantonment) houses many colonial-era landmarks, including some of the oldest churches and educational institutions in the city. Name the area in which Promenade Road is located.
- 2 Bengaluru had a 'Car Street' much before modern-day cars came to the city. Though not connected with any car brands, the busy lane in Ulsoor acquired its name 'Car Street' from the famous annual car festival known as 'Hoovina Pallakki' (Flower Chariot) or 'Poo Pallakki' as called by locals, which attracts a huge crowd from different parts of the city to witness the procession. Name the historic temple in the area dating back to the Chola period associated with the festival.
- 3 Church Street, laid as a parallel bylane to the main South Parade (MG Road) which leads to St. Mark's Cathedral as it was named after, is one of the most happening streets in the city today. Once a pedestrian-friendly road, it has turned into a nightlife and entertainment hub. The street stretches east to west connecting two iconic roads with St. Mark's Road on one end. Name the well-known road at the other end.

AS Patil's successful horticulture business, spread over a sprawling 25 acres, once started with just two acres of land

IN FULL BLOOM

EXPRESS FEATURES

F exotic flowers like orchids, carnations and gerberas brighten up your day, businessman A S Patil could have a role to play in it. Known for his massive plantations, which are spread across 20-25 acres, he cultivates different kinds of flowers.

Hailing from a family of agriculturists, Patil, who originally hails from Vijayapura, always had a keen interest in cultivation. So in 1998, while he was studying engineering in Bengaluru, he decided to take a leap of faith and get into the flower business. What started as a hobby has now turned into a successful venture with Patil busy with the import and export of flowers. "I started with just two acres of land. Later on, as the business started picking up, I started expanding my farmland. Today, I have a farmhouse spread across 25 acres," says Patil, who has an exclusive flower boutique in Richmond Town called Crazyflora. "I don't just supply these flowers across



India, but also export to the Middle East, Thailand, China and The Netherlands. We also import flowers that are not available in India," says Patil.

He grows these foreign flowers in a polyhouse under controlled conditions. "Four months prior to us actually planting flowers, carnations, roses or gerberas, work starts. Growing some of these plants takes years," says Patil, whose farm is located in Doddaballapur.

Across the globe, Patil believes that the business of flowers is flourishing, however, the pandemic was a huge hit to businesses. "After Covid, the market has been really down and continues to be. About 50 per cent of the flower businesses have come down. People have switched to artificial flowers, which are cost-effective. But honestly, nothing like real flowers," explains Patil.

Guidewire Celebrates First Year of Bengaluru Office



Guidewire (NYSE: GWRE) celebrated the one-year anniversary of its office in Bengaluru, India. The staff in the Bengaluru office exemplify Guidewire's commitment to global innovative research and development and strive to redefine excellence in the insurance industry. Guidewire is providing its 128 employees with a state-of-the-art work environment, while also offering remote and flexible working practices and wellness benefits. The office expects to grow, is actively hiring across multiple product development teams, and is ideally situated to take advantage of access to top new engineering and IT graduates from the top Indian universities. Open positions can be found on the Guidewire Careers website.

"In a very short time, 'Team Bengaluru' had an impressive impact, with many new capabilities designed, built and delivered to production," said Guidewire Chief Product Development Officer Diego Devalle. "I look forward to seeing what the team will continue to accomplish working with the most advanced cloud stack."

Guidewire Vice President of Engineering for Cloud Infrastructure Anoop Gopalakrishnan commented, "Marking the remarkable first anniversary of our Bengaluru office, we take immense pride in showcasing the exceptional achievements of our Cloud Platform-as-a-Service (PaaS) teams. With an unwavering dedication to secure supply chain, enhanced developer experience, and cutting-edge platform



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engineering, these teams have been instrumental in pushing the boundaries of innovation. By harnessing the power of the latest technologies from the open-source world and actively contributing to the community, they are forging a path towards revolutionizing the PaaS landscape and driving remarkable growth for Guidewire."

"The Bengaluru team, led by Director of Engineering for Cloud Data Platform Raman Venkateswaran, is actively building a cloud-native, enterprise-grade data and analytics platform," added Guidewire Vice President of Engineering for Cloud Data Platform Premjith Rayaroth. "The big data platform is built on the latest tech stack, processes petabyte-scale data, and provides a rich set of artificial intelligence and machine learning software-as-a-service applications. I am amazed and thrilled to see how this team built and delivered many platform capabilities to production in such a short period of time!"

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CITY READ

Restaurant offers special menu for monsoon season

Monsoon is here and Skydeck by Sherlock's, MG Road, has you covered with their new monsoon menu. Whether you like it hot or cold, they have it all. Chai inspired cocktail – tea scottish, coffee inspired cocktail – zesty brew or the hot toddy inspired – hot wine lemonade. You can pair it with their vada pav sliders, perrugu kodubale and chicken chips. The menu is available for a limited time period only.



College Day today

APS College of Commerce, NR Colony is celebrating their College Day today. The celebrations will commence at 10.30am and will take place in their auditorium. Actor-producer Vamsi Krishna Raavi, model and athlete Suvinna Gowda will be the chief guests.

XPRESS FOCUS

BoB's Milestone Celebration



Bank of Baroda Bengaluru Zone recently celebrated its 116th Foundation Day at its Zonal Office, Vijaya Tower, Trinity Circle, Bengaluru. The Zonal Head, Debabrata Das along with Vivek Kumar Chaudhary, Deputy Zonal Head, Manas Mishra - NDGM, Bengaluru Zone, and regional heads, flagged off a Walkathon and inaugurated a Health Check-up Camp and a Blood Donation Camp.

More than 180 staff members donated blood. Celebrations were held at St. John Auditorium, where renowned theatre artist, actor, and filmmaker Prakash Belawadi was the chief guest. He was honoured by Bank of Baroda for his contributions to the fields of theatre, film, art, and culture.

A cultural programme was also organised for the staff members and their families.

BOOK NOOK



Wildflower

by Aurora James

Wildflower is a memoir of struggle and perseverance that offers new ways of envisioning economic equality for everyone — from a leading activist and fashion pioneer.



Save What's Left

by Elizabeth Castellano

This funny debut novel is about a woman who moves to a small beach town looking for peace, only to find herself in an all-out war with her neighbours. The novel pulls back the curtain on life in a beach town, revealing the true cost of a pretty view.



Excavations

by Hannah Michell

A former journalist turned stay-at-home mother ventures into the dark underbelly of Seoul, South Korea, to find her missing husband and protect her children. In this gripping, page-turning exploration of the lengths one will go to unveil hard truths.



Wild Things

by Laura Kay

Two best friends. One huge crush. A year that could change everything. A warmhearted, hilarious queer rom-com about what happens when a group of friends give up their dreary city apartments to buy a house in the country together.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE



Sing Away

Take a mid-week break and join fellow music lovers as everyone gathers around in a circle after a busy day. Experience a soulful evening with music.

● **WHEN:** July 26, 7:30pm
 ● **WHERE:** Lahe Lahe, Indiranagar
 ● **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

Latin Dance

Unwind from a busy day and hone your dancing skills with Dominican Bachata with upbeat Afro music that will get you dancing in seconds.

● **WHEN:** July 27, 7pm ● **WHERE:** SmallWorld ST Bed, Koramangala ● **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com



Artistic Discovery

Help your child find their artistic calling with this guided painting workshop that will make it easy for them to learn painting even if they have never painted before.

● **WHEN:** July 26, 11:30am
 ● **WHERE:** Paint Bar, Sadashivanagar
 ● **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com



Musical Jam

Bring your dancing shoes as you will be on your feet dancing and singing to the voices of Four Strokes. A tribute to ABBA, the group will have you singing along on this nostalgic trip.

● **WHEN:** July 27, 9pm
 ● **WHERE:** Hard Rock Cafe, Ashok Nagar
 ● **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com



Crafting Pottery

Discover the art of pottery with skilled instructors as they guide you through hand-building, wheel-throwing, turning and glazing techniques to create unique and stunning pieces from raw clay.

● **WHEN:** July 26, 10am ● **WHERE:** Wheel and Potter Pottery Studio, Srinivasa Nagar ● **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com



Stories & Tel'tales

Spend an evening watching the play *Anthe Kanthe Puraana* adapted from S Surendranath's collection of short stories *Kattu Kathagalu*.

● **WHEN:** July 26, 7:30pm
 ● **WHERE:** Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar
 ● **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

Jokes and Burgers

Watch some of Bengaluru's best comedians, Anand Rathnam, Somnath Padhy, Abhinav Anand and more turn your evening into a laughter riot with some delicious burgers on the side.

● **WHEN:** July 26, 9pm
 ● **WHERE:** BurgerMan, Indiranagar
 ● **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com



Jazz-y Evening

Experience an evening of soulful melodies and funky grooves while the band Jazzafols performs live.

● **WHEN:** July 28-29, 9:30pm onwards
 ● **WHERE:** Windmills, Whitefield
 ● **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com



MULTI-DIMENSIONAL ART

Students explore artworks at the Texture Art Exhibition by artist Edward Devraj at the Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath recently | **SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA**

QUICK FIX

MAGGI PAKODA



Contributed by **Sabitha V, Calicut**

INGREDIENTS

- Maggi: 2 packets
- Green chilli: 1
- Water: 1 1/4 cup
- Maggi masala powder: 2 packets
- Turmeric powder: 1/4 tsp
- Red chilli powder: 1/2 tsp
- Sunflower oil: for deep frying
- Onion: 1
- Curry leaves: 2 sprigs
- Besan: 1/2 cup

METHOD

- Chop the onions and green chilli and set aside. Cook the noodles without the tastemaker and set aside to cool.
- In a mixing bowl add all the ingredients for the pakoda and mix until thoroughly combined. Shape it into balls and deep fry until golden brown. Serve it with ketchup.

What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengaluruexpress@gmail.com

FIT BIT

TADASANA WITH SIDE BEND

It is a beginner-level standing pose with a side stretch, that is the foundation for most standing poses, with the upper body in a side bend with the feet grounded keeping them a little bit apart. It activates Anahata (heart) chakra.

STEPS

- Start in Tadasana (Mountain Pose). Maintain a gap between the feet, stand straight with the arms by side.
- Stretch the spine. Slowly raise your hands above your head while breathing in. Stretch the hands further with full inhalation.
- Bend your left hand at the elbow, placing the palm on your hip. Then, slowly bend your body towards the left side along with the raised right hand, while exhaling.
- Maintain normal breathing in the final posture and hold it at least for 30 seconds. While inhaling, come up and while exhaling bring back your body straight, release the hands side by side.
- Repeat the same on the other side and practise this cycle 3-5 times.
- Finally, sit in Dandasana (Staff Pose) and relax.

LIMITATIONS

People with injuries in hip joints, ankles or shoulders, have undergone spine, hip, knee or ankle surgeries, and senior citizens, should avoid this.

Pregnant women should consult with an expert before practising it.

BENEFITS

- Aids in reducing stomach and thigh fat.
- Stimulates pancreas and controls high blood sugar.
- Stretches lateral thoracic muscles, increasing the blood supply.
- Aids in curing back pain, constipation and is also good for flat feet.
- Helps in clearing blockages in the lungs and improves breathing.
- Stretches the sides, opening the chest and diaphragm muscles.
- Fortifies the muscles surrounding the anterior leg's shin bones, ligaments, tendons and strengthens the core.
- Improves balance and brings focus and concentration.
- Stimulates the digestive organs by increasing blood supply.
- Helps address symptoms related to asthma.
- Effective to relieve menstrual disorders.



By **N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science)** at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

REGIONAL



JACKSON BAZAAR YOUTH

(Malayalam)
 The Jackson Bazaar Youth is a band with a huge fan following on social media. They get into a scuffle with the police, which escalates the matter further.

Cast: Jaffer Idukki, Indrans, Lukman Avaran
 ● **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

BAWAAL

(Hindi)
 The film follows the journey of a small-town couple, a history teacher and his newly-wed wife, as they embark on a honeymoon trip to Europe, visiting the World War II trail. Their picturesque journey takes an unexpected turn as events unfold, leading to captivating and heartfelt moments.

Cast: Varun Dhawan, Janhvi Kapoor
 ● **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

DO GUBBARE

(Hindi)
 It narrates a heartwarming tale of an unexpected friendship that brings a smile to our face.

Cast: Mohan Agashe, Siddharth Shaw
 ● **Watch on:** JoCinema



SYNC

(Tamil)
 The film follows a group of friends going on a road trip. While returning, they meet with an accident. Instead of tending to the injured, they escape the event. But, the ghost of the dead comes back to haunt them.

Cast: Kishen Das, Monica Chinnakotla, Soundarya Bala Nandakumar
 ● **Watch on:** Aha

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

VASH

(Gujarati)
 Rakshit and Aanchal are living their perfect love story, until a third person appears and wants Aanchal to be a part of his life at any cost.

Cast: Vivek Jaitly, Ganga Mamgai
 ● **Watch on:** ZEE5



THANDATTI

(Tamil)
 In the movie, Subramani, a police officer who is ready to retire, is tasked with looking into the inexplicable disappearance of Thangapattu, an elderly widow who is left behind by four children and a son. As Subramani looks into the matter, he uncovers a perverse family secret that has been kept hidden for many years.

Cast: Pasupathy, Rohini, Vivek Prasanna, Ammu Abhirami
 ● **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

FOREIGN

STEPHEN CURRY: UNDERRATED

(English)
 The remarkable coming-of-age story of Stephen Curry, one of the most influential, dynamic and unexpected players in basketball history and his rise from an undersized college player to a four-time NBA champion.

Cast: Stephen Curry, Reggie Miller, Bob McKillop, Kevin Durant
 ● **Watch on:** Apple TV+



QUARTERBACK

(English)
 Go inside the huddle and into the homes of Patrick Mahomes, Kirk Cousins and Marcus Mariota in this candid docuseries following their 2022-23 NFL season.

Cast: Patrick Mahomes, Kirk Cousins, Marcus Mariota
 ● **Watch on:** Netflix



REVENANT

(Korean)
 Gu San-Yeong, a possessed struggling student, and Yeom Hae-Sang, an exorcist who can see demons, confront a demon about a series of mysterious deaths and the five sacred objects surrounding it.

Cast: Hong Kyung Kim, Tae Ri Oh, Jung-Se Yang, Hye-Ji
 ● **Watch on:** Disney+ Hotstar



ONE FINE MORNING

(French)
 In Paris, a young, widowed mother juggles her job as a translator with caring both for her young daughter and her elderly father, who suffers from a degenerative illness. Her life is further complicated when she embarks on a passionate affair with an old friend in an unhappy marriage.

Cast: Léa Seydoux, Melvil Poupaud, Pascal Greggory
 ● **Watch on:** Mubi

Netflix:	₹199/month
Prime Video:	₹299/month
Aha:	₹69/year
Disney+Hotstar:	₹89/year
JoCinema:	₹99/year
Mubi:	₹299/month
ZEE5:	₹69/year
Sony LIV:	₹299/month

NOW STREAMING

ODE TO A MATRIARCH

Professional chef and debutante author Tia Anasuya talks to CE about her cookbook, a tribute to her grandmother and all the other women in her family



Ammu George and Tia Anasuya

BORN to a family having a renowned journalist-author like TJS George and an accomplished poet-writer like Jeet Thayil, debutante author Tia Anasuya confesses it was intimidating to enter the literary world. Nevertheless, she marched on, and the result is *Adukkala: A Family Food Odyssey*. "I took on the challenge despite knowing I will be compared to my grandfather, TJS George, and uncle, Jeet Thayil. But I'd rather try and possibly fail than never try," she says.

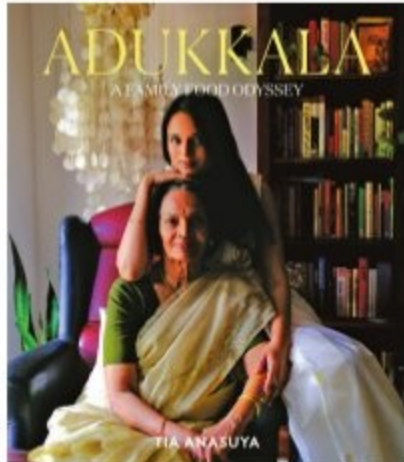
However, *Adukkala: A Family Food Odyssey* is not about any of them. It is about the



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women in her household, especially her grandmother Ammu George, who has always been the driving force. "It's incredible the way *amama* handled her children. For example, everyone knows my uncle as a renowned author today, but raising

him was no joke. As a child, he was a lot to handle, and I asked my grandma how she managed that. But she was just like 'In those days, you didn't even think about it. It was a given'," she says, adding, "My grandmom has been the most



underrated person in our family, and yet, she is the backbone. She made us who we are today."

There are about 15 women from her family, who are mentioned in the book. "It was a curated group because in

my family, you have distinctive women. There is somebody who chose to become a Buddhist monk, someone who is making Kerala cuisine popular in Boston...it's all over the map," she smiles, adding that her mother Sheba Thayil edited the book.

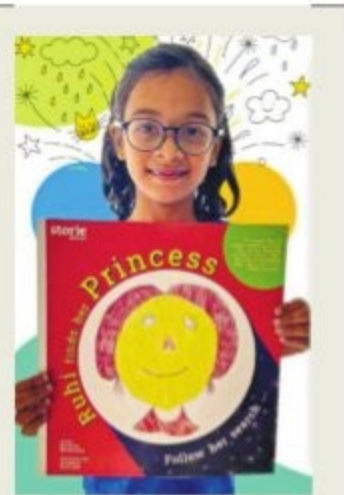
But why food? Being a chef and currently a home caterer who goes by the name of Askew (@askew.blr on Instagram), Tia says food is her love language. But it was not until the lockdown that she discovered the beauty of Kerala cuisine.

"This idea came to me during Covid times. Basically, my grandmother had a really bad fall during the pandemic. So, we took the first flight out to Coimbatore and then got stuck there due to lockdown. Since I was the only cook in the family, I started making the daily meals," says Tia.

Despite being an alumna of the prestigious culinary school Le Cordon Bleu, Paris, Tia mentions she learnt so much more in those lockdown days than she ever did as a professional chef. "There are certain tips and tricks that only home cooks and housewives know. I wanted to give them their deserving credit because everybody talks about professional chefs or a fancy Michelin-star restaurant, but very few even notice the amount of work that goes into the everyday meals in a home," emphasises Tia.

As a tribute, she gifted the first copy of the book to her grandmother, and said, "This is as much yours, as it is mine".

"And that's the copy my granddad, who is a difficult man to please, saw. He looked at it, and said, 'Wow, good work man. Surprisingly, impressed'," Tia signs off with a smile.



Book reading on July 29

Children are unconstrained in their imagination. They dream up the wildest things. Parents are couched in the constraints of everyday reality and often 'correct' these dreams. Instead of shrinking their imagination to fit reality, this story – *Ruhi Finds Her Princess* – encourages adults to expand their own beliefs which can grow as big or perhaps even bigger than the child's imagination.

The story is written as much for the child as it is for the parent since all of us need a reminder once in a way that 'no dream is too big to achieve. The reading is by Reshma Bachwani. Anahat Paritosh, the child who illustrated the book, will also be there to answer any questions that kids might have for her. The event will take place at Atta Galatta, Indiranagar at 4pm.

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I, DEEPAK ARAS, Aged 44years, S/o Late Kemparasa, Residing at U20, 2nd Cross, Pipeline, Krishnappa Block, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003. Have changed my son name from **MANAS D** to **MAANAS D**. Declaring that These both names are one and same Person only & **MAANAS D** is correct name, Vide affidavit dated 24/07/2023 sworn before Advocate & notary H.S. SAKALES H ARADHYA, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, DEEPAK ARAS, Aged 44years, S/o Late Kemparasa, Residing at U20, 2nd Cross, Pipeline, Krishnappa Block, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003. Have changed my name from **DEEPAK K** to **DEEPAK ARAS**. Declaring that These both names are one and same Person only & **DEEPAK ARAS** is correct name, Vide affidavit dated 24/07/2023 sworn before Advocate & notary H.S. SAKALES H ARADHYA, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, PUSHPAVATHI, Aged about 57 years, W/o Shivalingappa T.B., R/at No. 402, Garuda Estlio Homes, Veera Swamy Reddy Colony, Kadugodi, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560067. have changed my name to **PUSHPAVATHI SHIVALINGAPPA** and I confirmed **PUSHPAVATHI** and **PUSHPAVATHI SHIVALINGAPPA** both are names for me only. vide affidavit dated 23-07-2023, sworn before Advocate & Notary M.Krishnamurthy, Hoskote-562 114.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SATISH KODIGEHALI GOVINDAPPA, S/o. Govindappa Hanumanthappa, residing at Maruthi Nilaya, Behind Vokkaligara Samudaya Bhavana, Doddaballapura, Bengaluru Rural 561203, have changed my name from **SATISH KODIGEHALI GOVINDAPPA** to **SATHISH KODIGEHALI GOVINDAPPA** vide Affidavit Dated: 19/07/2023 before Notary B.CHITRA, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, JYOTHSNA MUTHIREDDY, D/o. Muthireddy, residing at #25, MSV Cable Net Work Road, Amruthahalli, Bengaluru 560092, have changed my name from **JYOTHSNA MUTHIREDDY** to **JYOTHSNAA REDDY** vide Affidavit dated: 19/07/2023 before Notary B.CHITRA, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, DEEPAK ARAS, Aged 44years, S/o Late Kemparasa, Residing at U20, 2nd Cross, Pipeline, Krishnappa Block, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003. Have changed my daughter's name from **YASHVI DK** to **YASHVINI D**. Declaring that These both names are one and same Person only & **YASHVINI D** is correct name, Vide affidavit dated 24/07/2023 sworn before Advocate & notary H.S.SAKALES H ARADHYA, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) ASHA SRI RAMANAKANTHBHATTER, Wife of Sriramanakantha Bhattar Ramachandra, resident of No. 36, Sri Oni Anjaneya Swamy Temple, Palace Road, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-560009, have changed my name from (OLD NAME) ASHA SRI RAMANAKANTHBHATTER to (NEW NAME) ALIMELU PALURAM vide affidavit Dated 25/07/2023 sworn before Notary P.G.Unnikrishnan, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) SRIRAMANAKANTH RAMACHANDRANATH BATTER, Son of Ramachandra Bhattar, resident of No. 36, Sri Oni Anjaneya Swamy Temple, Palace Road, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-560009, have changed my name from (OLD NAME) SRIRAMANAKANTH RAMACHANDRANATH BATTER to (NEW NAME) SRIRAMANAKANTHA BHATTER RAMACHANDRA vide affidavit Dated 25/07/2023 sworn before Notary P.G.Unnikrishnan, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, NIRMALA REDDY, resident of No. 10, Lakshmi Nivas, 1st main, 3rd cross, Sir M V Layout, Bengaluru-560097, have changed my name to **NIRMALA REDDY B N** Vide Affidavit dated 18.07.2023 sworn before advocate and notary L.B. Anasuyamma, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME

I, VIJAY ARVIND NARSAPUR, S/o. Late Arvind Govindrao Narsapur, No. 174, Prestige Ozone, Whitefield Main Road, Whitefield, Bengaluru-560066, have changed my daughter name from **SHRADHA** to **SHRADHA VIJAY NARSAPUR** Vide Affidavit dated 25.07.2023 sworn before advocate and notary Ummaheswary MN, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MUBARAK PASHA, aged about 24 years, S/o. Munawar Pasha, residing at No.585, Hosur Road, Behind Total Mall, Siddhartha Colony, Madivala, Bengaluru-560068, Karnataka, have changed my name to **M MUBARAK PASHA** Vide Affidavit dated 22.07.2023 sworn before advocate and notary B.M. Chandrashekar, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, GURLEEN KAUR CHAWLA, aged about 33 years, DOB: 15-09-1989 and resident of Flat No P-8, T3, Mana Tropical, Chikkanayakanahalli, Off Sarjapura Road, Bengaluru-560035, Karnataka, have changed my name to **GURLEEN SHARMA** Vide Affidavit dated 24.07.2023 sworn before advocate and notary B. M. Chandrashekar, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SAVITA SADASHIV POL w/o KIRAN HUTAGI aged about 37 years, Residing at, S.T.C. BSF, Bagalur Cross, AF Station, and Bangalore-560064. have changed my daughter name from **SNEHA SHIVSHANKAR BASKAR** to **SNEHA KIRAN BASKAR** Vide Affidavit dated 25.07.2023 sworn before advocate & notary Chandrakala B, Chikkajala, Bangalore -562157

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Uppendra's Buddhivantha 2 is to release on this date

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AMIDST the buzz surrounding Uppendra's highly-awaited film *UI*, another treat awaits his fans with the release of the Real Star's *Buddhivantha 2*. This sequel to the 2008 blockbuster is all set to hit the theatres on September 15, just ahead of Uppendra's birthday on September 18.

Directed by Jaidhev and produced by Dr TR Chandrashekhara, known for his work in films like *Chamak* and *Ayogya* has bankrolled the project under Crystal Paark Cimeas. *Buddhivantha 2* boasts an impressive cast like Sonal Monteiro, Meghana Raj Sarja as the female lead, and Srinagar Kitty in a negative role.

The original *Buddhivantha*, released in 2008, showcased Uppendra's versatility as he brilliantly portrayed eight different roles in the movie. Being a remake of the 2007 Tamil film *Naan Avanillai*, *Buddhivantha* witnessed a successful run at the box office, completing a 100-day streak in multiple theatres across Karnataka. This has now set the stage and anticipation for *Buddhivantha 2*, and fans are eagerly waiting to witness Uppendra once again on the silver screen. The film's music is by Gurukiran, and Naveen Kumar has handled the cinematography.

'DISCUSSING MALE CHAUVINISM IS VITAL IN TODAY'S SOCIETY'

A SHARADHAA

DIRECTOR Shashank has managed to infuse his signature style while exploring new themes in all his films. He is also equally famous for his emotionally engaging stories. As the director continues to evolve as a storyteller, he believes his upcoming *Kausalya Supraja Rama* will be a step up. "Having helmed romantic dramas, actioners and thrillers so far, I have delved into a full-fledged family drama with *Kausalya Supraja Rama*," says the director.

The film marks the first collaboration of the director with actors Krishna and Milana Nagaraj and Brinda Acharya. Apart from directing the film he has produced it under Shashank Cinemas along with BC Patil. *Kausalya Supraja Rama* is gearing up to present an emotional journey that combines the essence of family and a youthful college portion. The film is set to release in theatres this July 28.

The film also stars Sudha Belawadi, Rangayana Raghu, Nagabhushan and Agyuth Kumar in pivotal roles, and has music by Arjun Janya and cinematography by Sugna. Ask the director about how he manages to maintain his signature emotions while exploring new themes, Shashank says, "Challenging myself with each project is essential. Whether it was with my debut *Moggina Manasu*, (Yash, Radhika Pandit, Shubha Poonja, among others), *Bachchan* with a star like Sudeep, *Krishna Leela* (Ajay Rao and Mayuri), or

Love 360 with newcomers like Praveen and Rachana Inder, maintaining the right emotional quotient has always been a priority for me. In the case of *Kausalya Supraja Rama*, the film's underlying emotions are deep, and I wanted to push the boundaries of emotional storytelling beyond my previous works."

Kausalya Supraja Rama addresses the theme of male chauvinism, and Shashank says discussing it is vital in today's society. "Family, which revolves around relationships such as mother, sister and wife, is where male chauvinism is often deeply rooted. So I felt exploring this theme within the context of a family drama allows for a more profound and impactful storytelling experience. Initiating this conversation outside the family or at the workplace becomes gender equality. So it was important to bring it in with a family set-up." He adds that *Kausalya Supraja Rama*, which highlights male chauvinism, is told from a man's point of view.

"*Kausalya Supraja Rama* not only touches on socially relevant themes but also ensures the narrative remains engaging and relatable to the audience," Shashank explains. "While male chauvinism forms the core plot, the soul of the film lies in its women characters, particularly highlighted through the mother's role. We often take them for granted, seeing them more as caretakers than individuals with opinions and suggestions. The film delves into these circumstances, through various scenes, and portrays the importance of women's roles in the family, who are often taken for granted."

...says director

Shashank, as he talks about his upcoming film, *Kausalya Supraja Rama*



Milana Nagaraj



Shashank



A still from the film

CE FEATURES

THE Rajkumar family has had a significant influence on the Kannada film industry, with Dr Rajkumar himself being a celebrated hero. Parvathamma Rajkumar, a remarkable producer, focused on bringing Kannada literature to life through her films. Now, Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar, associated with PRK Productions, is following in Parvathamma's footsteps with a strong passion for adapting Kannada literary works to the silver screen.

Ashwini is now gearing up for the release of *Achar & Co*, slated to hit theatres on July 28. Directed by Sindhu Srinivasamurthy, the film involves many skilled women technicians, including Bindumalini Narayanaswamy as the music director, Inchara Suresh as the costume designer, and Hema Suvarna as the sound engineer.

Through Ashwini, we uncover the heartwarming story behind *Achar & Co*, some insights into her journey as a producer, and she looks forward to continuing the family's illustrious legacy.

Excerpts:

How does *Achar & Co* stand out from your previous projects under the PRK Productions banner?

Achar & Co holds a special place in our hearts. It's a heartwarming family movie set in 1960-70s Bengaluru. What sets it apart is the delightful blend of nostalgia, humour, and drama, making it enjoyable for audiences of all ages. The story revolves around an orthodox family's journey as they chase their dreams while

I plan to use the world of literature to shape my film projects: Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar

preserving their traditions, reflecting the beauty of family dynamics during that era.

Can you share your experience and thoughts during the making of *Achar & Co*?



Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar

The journey of *Achar & Co* began with finalising the script in June 2021, and we commenced shooting in April 2022. When I first read the screenplay, I instantly fell in love with it. Puneeth also reviewed the script. The film boasts exceptional artists and well-crafted dialogues. The team's dedication and passion for the project have been inspiring, and I believe that will resonate with the audience too.

How do you think the current generation will connect with a story set in the 1960-70s?

Many people from the current generation have often wondered about life during the 1960s. *Achar & Co* offers them an opportunity to connect with that era intimately. The film portrays the adjustments and challenges faced by large families during those times.

***Achar & Co* is a family movie with women playing significant roles, both in front of and behind the camera. Could you elaborate on that aspect?**

Indeed, *Achar & Co* isn't just a female-led movie; it is a film that encompasses the essence of the entire family. Directed by Sindhu Srinivasamurthy, who also



A still from the film

takes on a lead role, and featuring music by Bindumalini, the movie celebrates the contribution of women in various critical aspects of cinema. This collaboration was born out of admiration for Sindhu's talent and her vision for the film, and I'm glad we entrusted her with this project.

With *Achar & Co* set to hit theaters, what can the audience expect from this family drama?

The audience can expect a heartwarming and entertaining journey with *Achar & Co*. It is a story that will make them laugh, cry, and reminisce about the past. The film encapsulates the essence of family, love, and the beauty of traditions while navigating the challenges of the modern world. We are excited and slightly anxious about its release in cinemas after some of our previous projects went directly to OTT platforms, but we believe it will strike the right chord with the audience.

PRK Productions has been supportive of nurturing new talents. How can aspiring filmmakers and writers connect with your banner?

We are always eager to welcome new talents and encourage them to reach out to us. Aspiring filmmakers and writers can share their short films or scripts through email, and if our team finds potential, we will get in touch. At PRK Productions, our intention is to foster creativity and provide opportunities to fresh voices, creating a diverse range of films under our banner.

You mentioned your fondness for thriller movies and books. Any plans to adapt a thrilling novel into a movie in the future?

Thriller movies and books have always held a special place in my heart. If I come across a gripping novel with cinematic potential, I won't hesitate to adapt it into a movie. While there are no immediate plans, it remains an exciting possibility for the future. If I find a compelling tale, I'll bring it to life on the silver screen. Currently, I'm engrossed in the pages of two or three Kannada novels. Just like Amma (Parvathamma Rajkumar) did before, I find myself immersed in the world of literature to shape my film projects.

Can you give us a glimpse of what's in store with your upcoming project *O2*?

O2 is an exciting project that's now in the post-production phase. It features talented actors like Ashika Ranganath and introduces some new faces. As with all our productions, *O2* will be a unique and engaging experience for the audience. Additionally, we have plans for a big-budget movie, which might come to fruition in the near future.

Apoorva Bhardwaj joins the cast of PC Sekhar's *BAD*

CE FEATURES

APOORVA Bhardwaj, who is known for her roles in popular serials, gained limelight with her last film *Nanu*, Adu and Saroja. The actor has now joined the cast of *BAD*, directed by PC Sekhar.

The film stars Nakul Gowda and Manvita Harish in lead roles and revolves around the concept of Arishadvarga, where six characters symbolize different emotions, including kama (lust).

"Apoorva Bhardwaj beautifully portrays the character of Anu in the story that showcases a transformation from lust to love," says the director.

Further describing her

role, the director says, "This character emotes through her eyes, and charms everyone with her natural features like curly hair. Considering Apoorva's past work in serials and films, I chose her, believing she perfectly suited the role." The director further adds that whenever Apoorva's character appears on screen, a touch of pink shades enhances the portrayal.

BAD is produced by SR Venkatesh Gowda and features Sai Krishna, Manjunath, and Ashwini. Arjun Janya is the music director, and Shakti Shekhar is the cinematographer. The film has dialogues by Sachin H Holagundi and art direction by G Rajasekhara.



Apoorva Bhardwaj